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AS EMERALDUS CONTINUES HER MYSTERIOUS VOYAGE IN HER EERIE SPACESHIP, SHE IS HINDERED BY DEATH SKULL, THE DESTROYER OF SPACE! AS SHE ACCEPTS HIS UNJUST CHALLENGE, EMERALDUS' BATTLE OF RAGE BEGINS! THIS IS THE THIRD VOLUME OF THE ACCLAIMED SERIES!!

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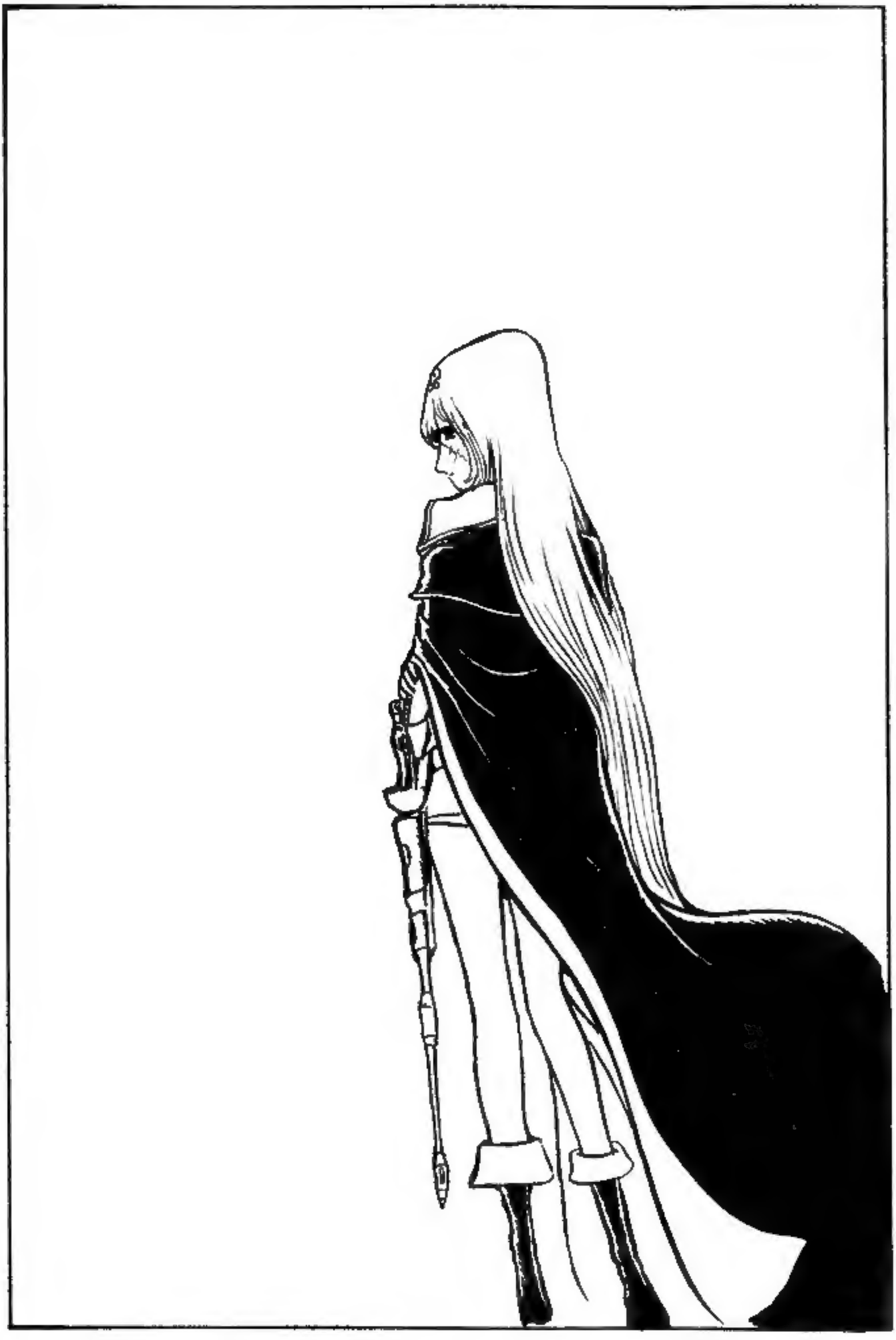

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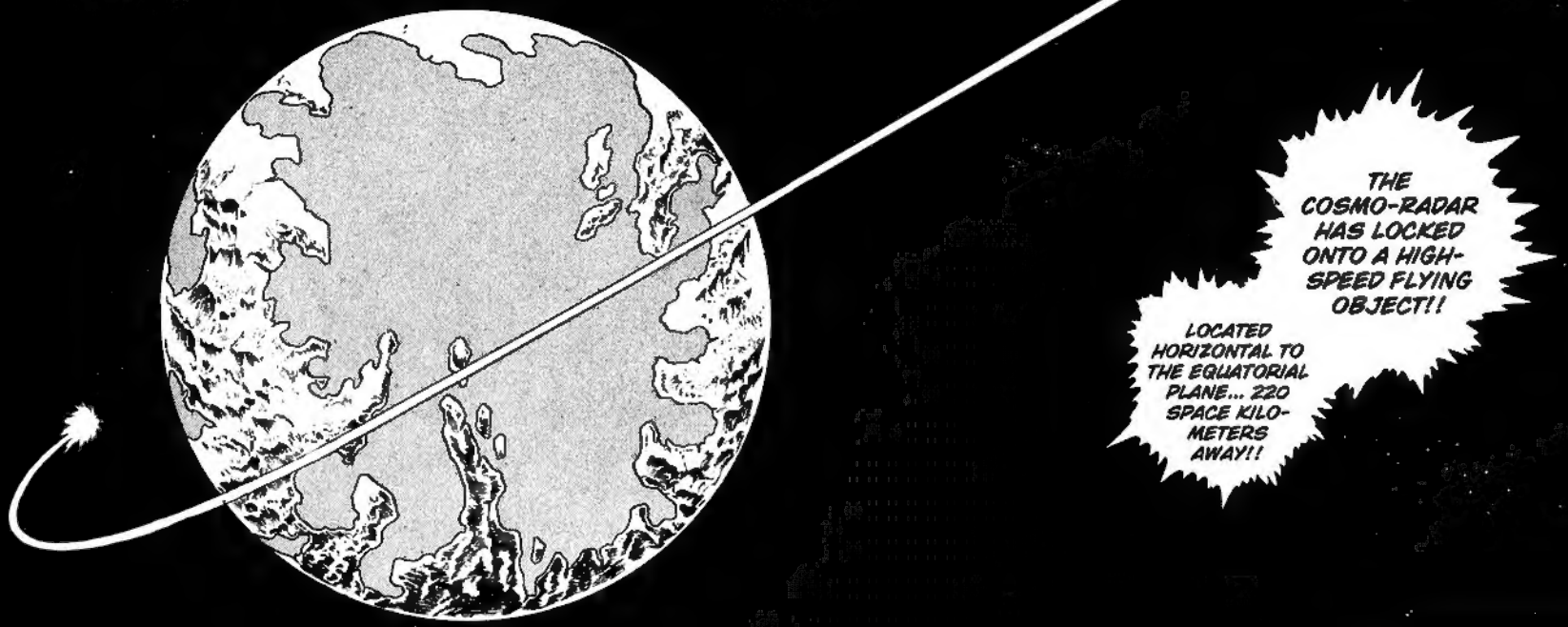
THE COSMO-RADAR HAS LOCKED ONTO A HIGH-SPEED FLYING OBJECT!!
LOCATED HORIZONTAL TO THE EQUATORIAL PLANE... 220 SPACE KILO-METERS AWAY!!

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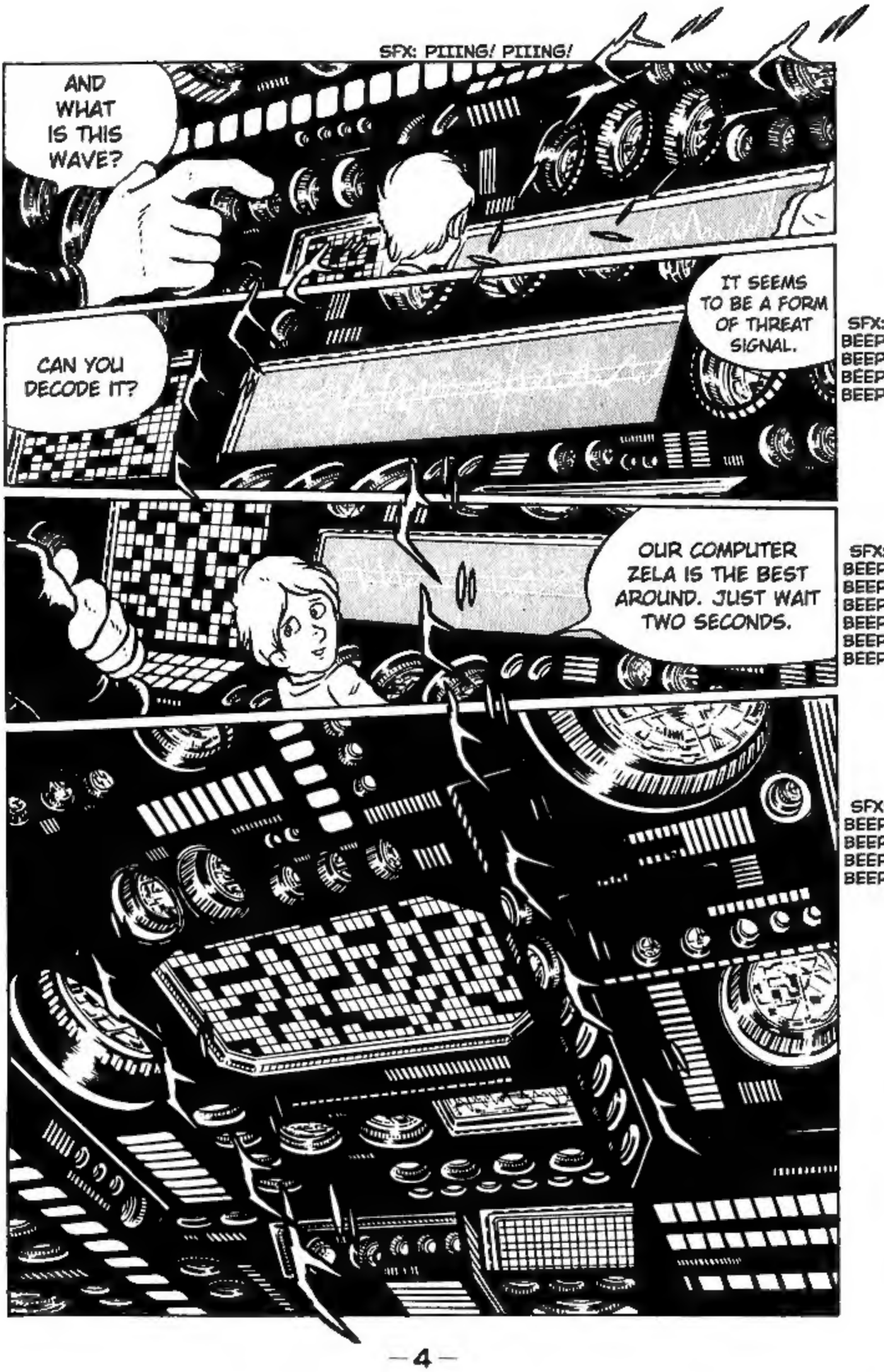
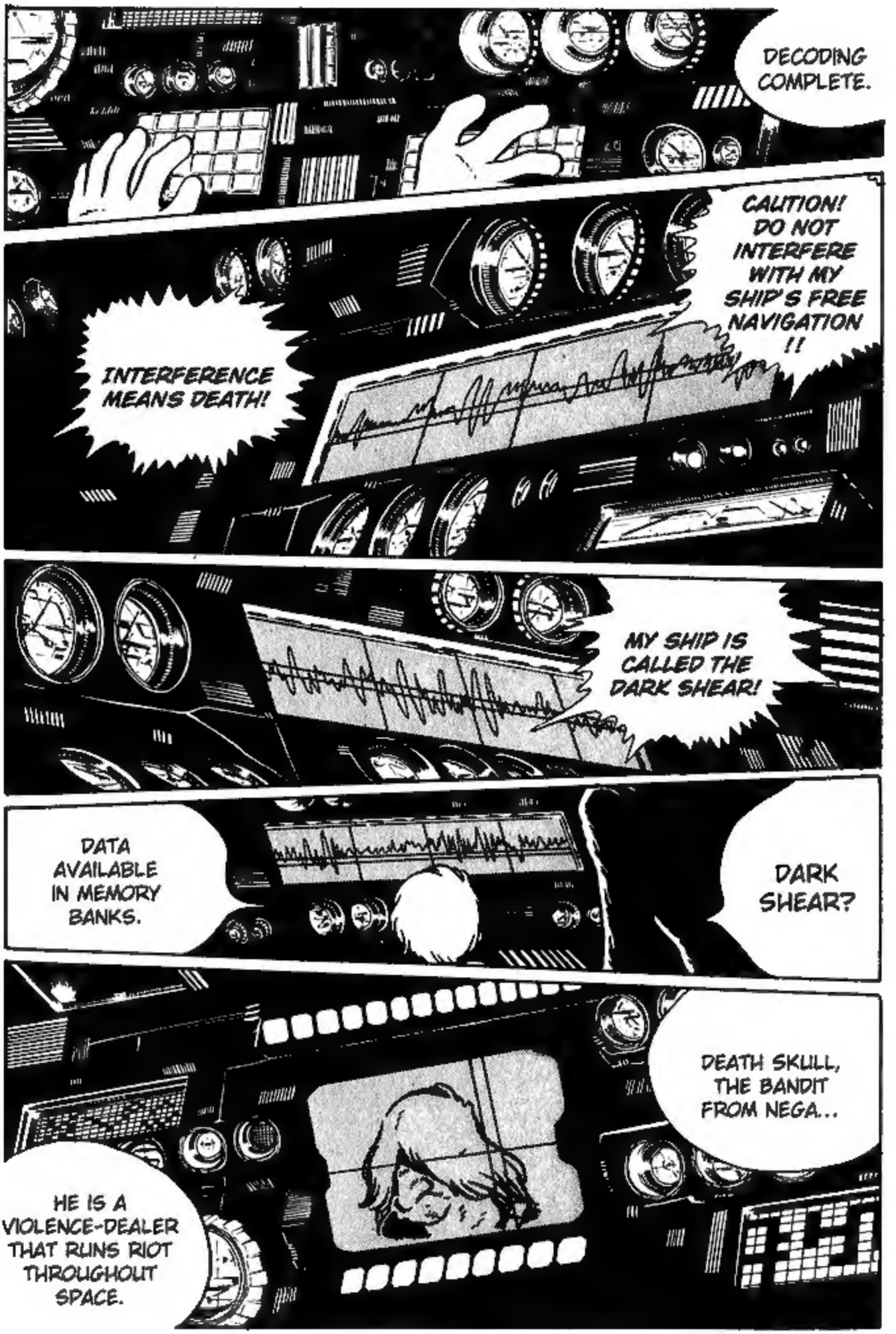
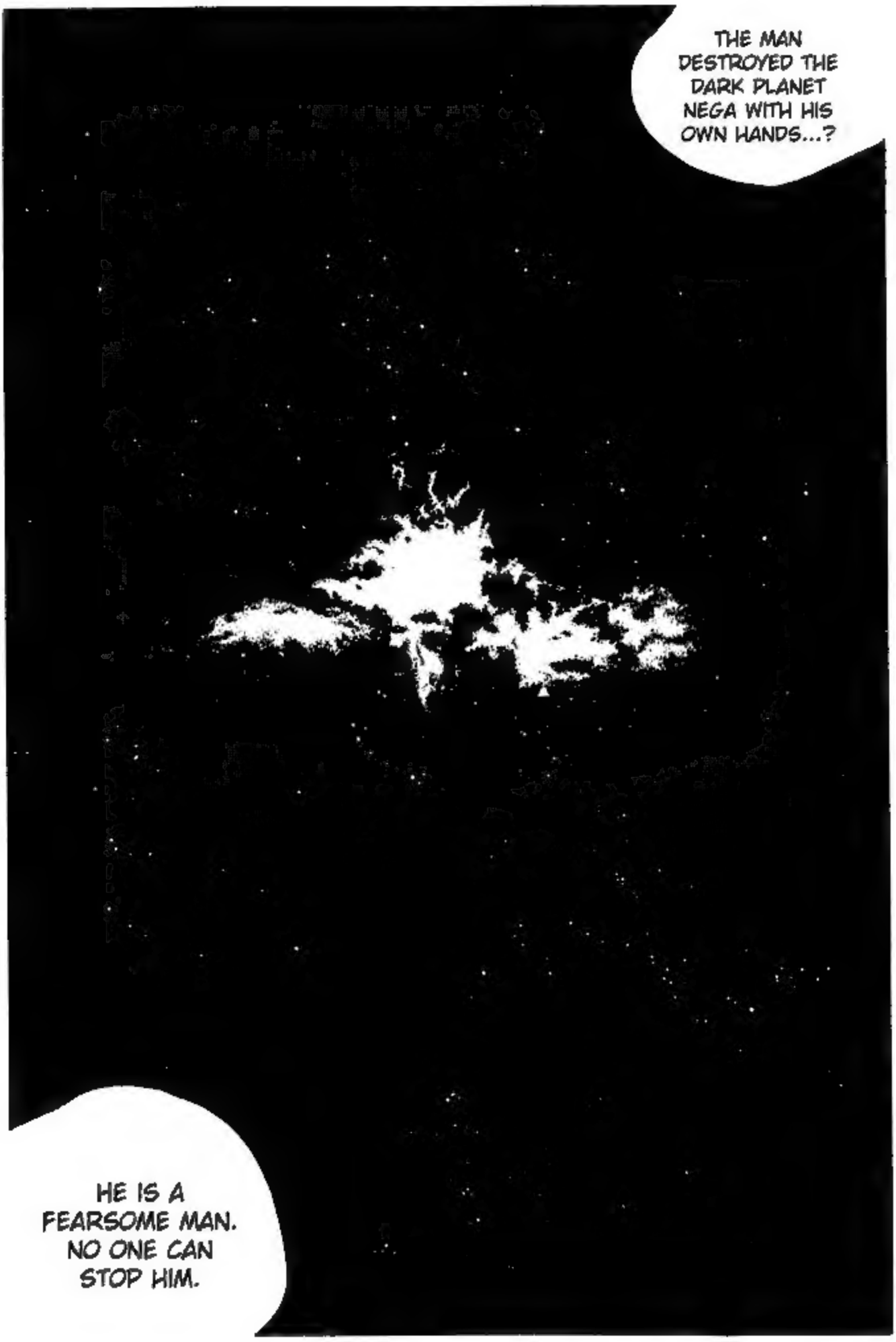
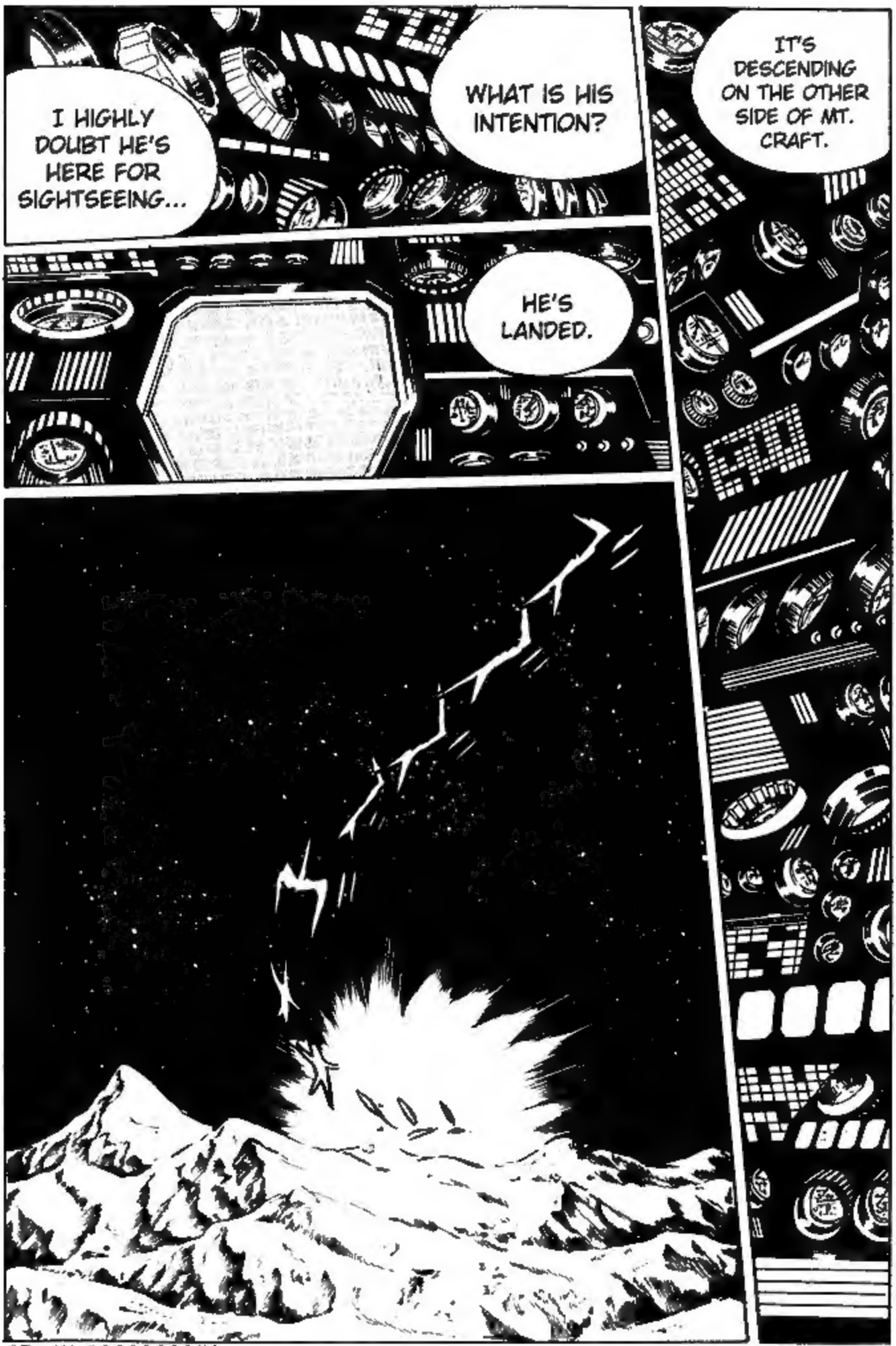

SFX: PIIING! PIIING!
AND WHAT IS THIS WAVE?
IT SEEMS TO BE A FORM OF THREAT SIGNAL.
SFX: BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
CAN YOU DECODE IT?
OUR COMPUTER ZELA IS THE BEST AROUND. JUST WAIT TWO SECONDS.
SFX: BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
SFX: BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!


DECODING COMPLETE.
CAUTION! DO NOT INTERFERE WITH MY SHIP'S FREE NAVIGATION !!
INTERFERENCE MEANS DEATH!
MY SHIP IS CALLED THE DARK SHEAR!
DATA AVAILABLE IN MEMORY BANKS.
DARK SHEAR?
DEATH SKULL, THE BANDIT FROM NEGA...
HE IS A VIOLENCE-DEALER THAT RUNS RIOT THROUGHOUT SPACE.

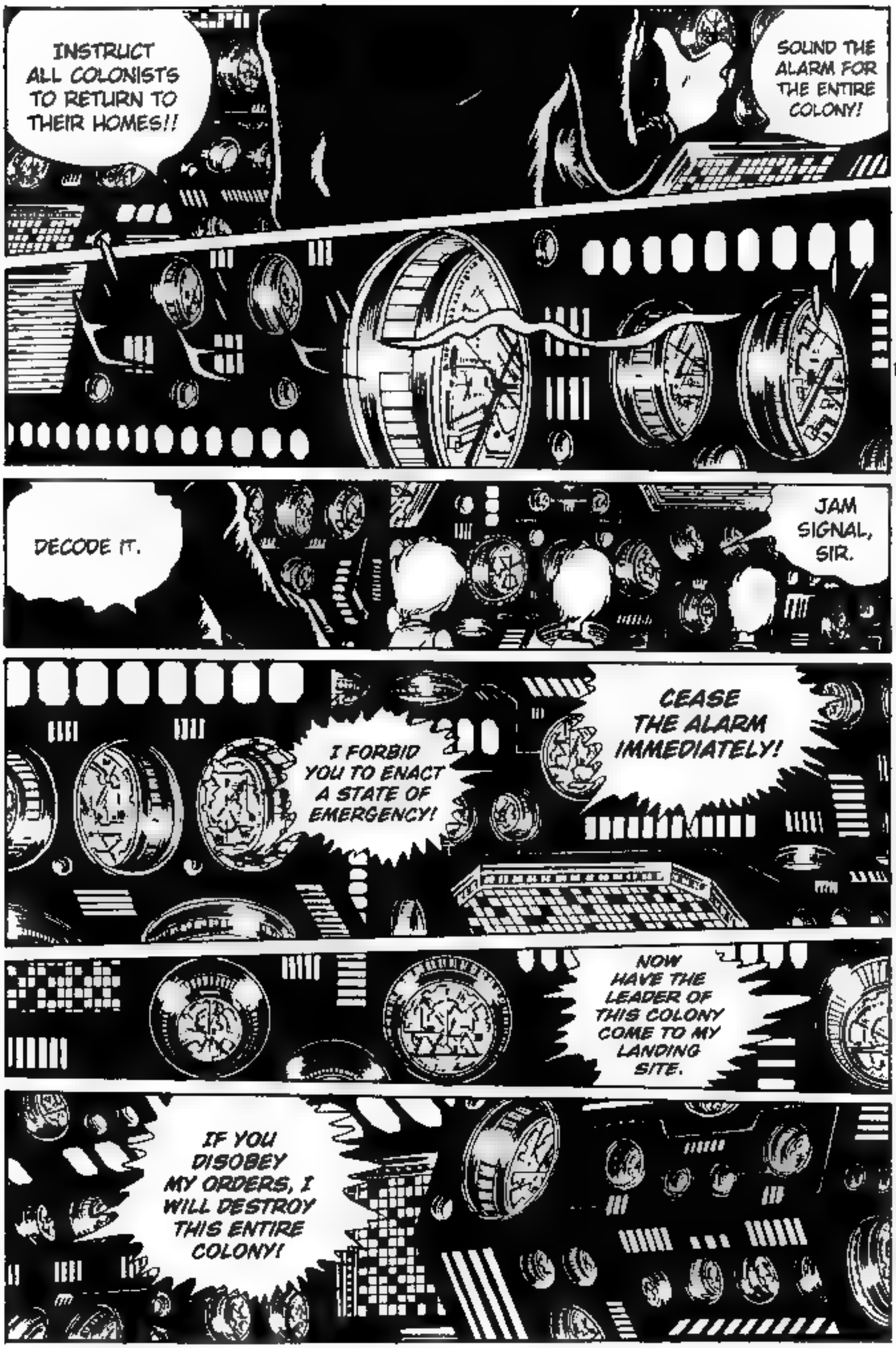

THE MAN DESTROYED THE DARK PLANET NEGA WITH HIS OWN HANDS...?
HE IS A FEARSOME MAN. NO ONE CAN STOP HIM.

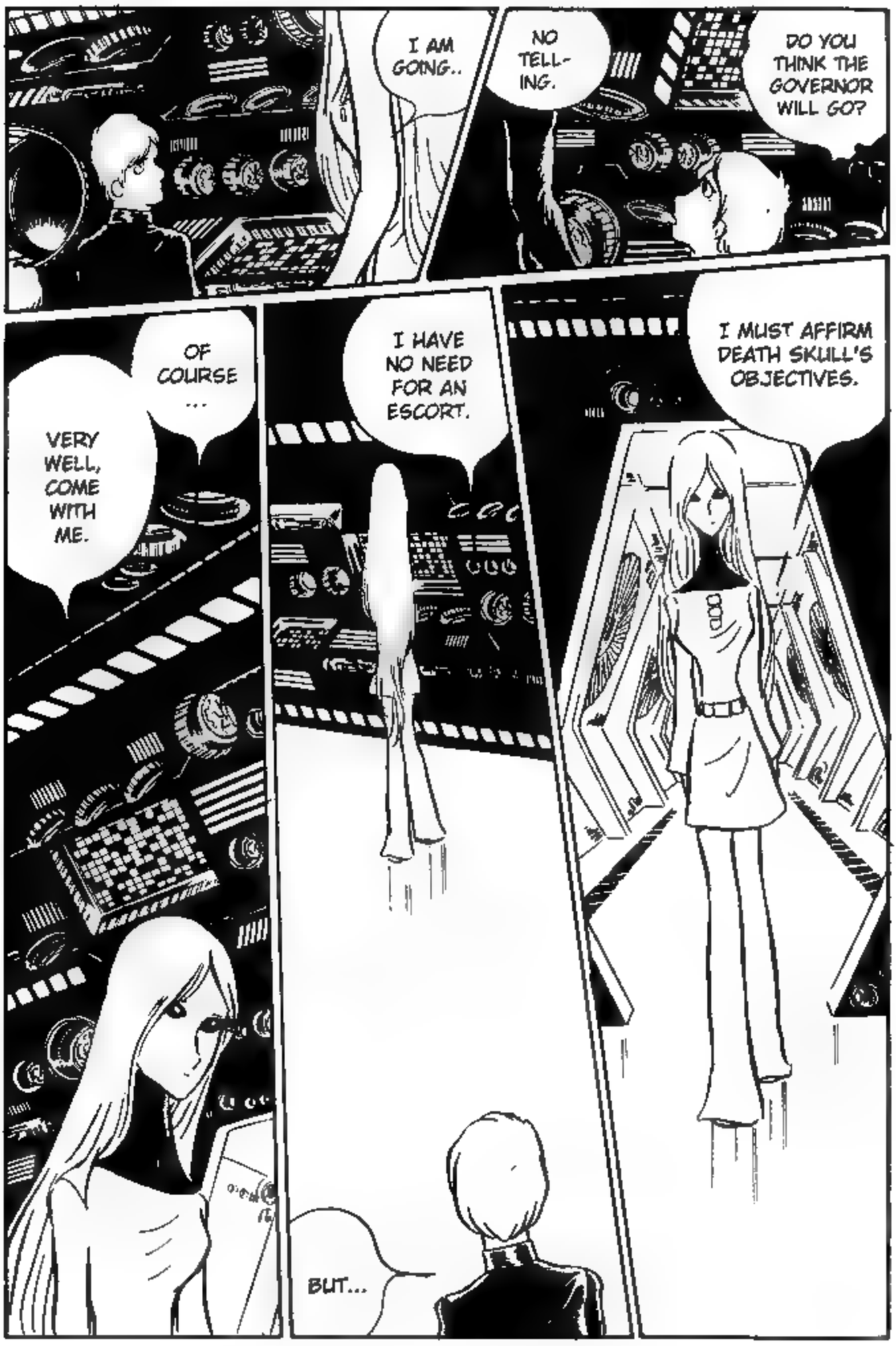
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!



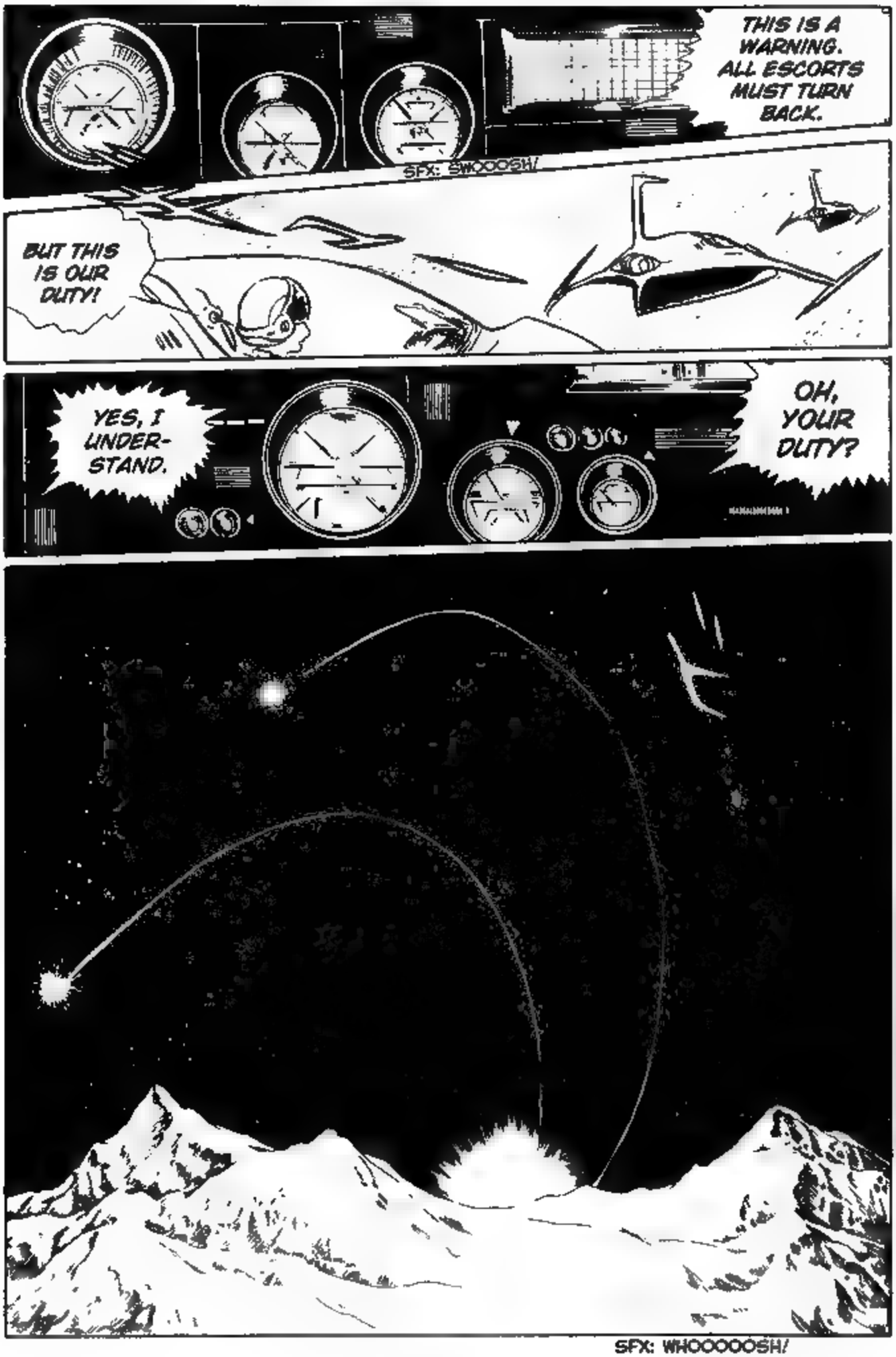
SFX: KA-BOOOOOOOM!

SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!

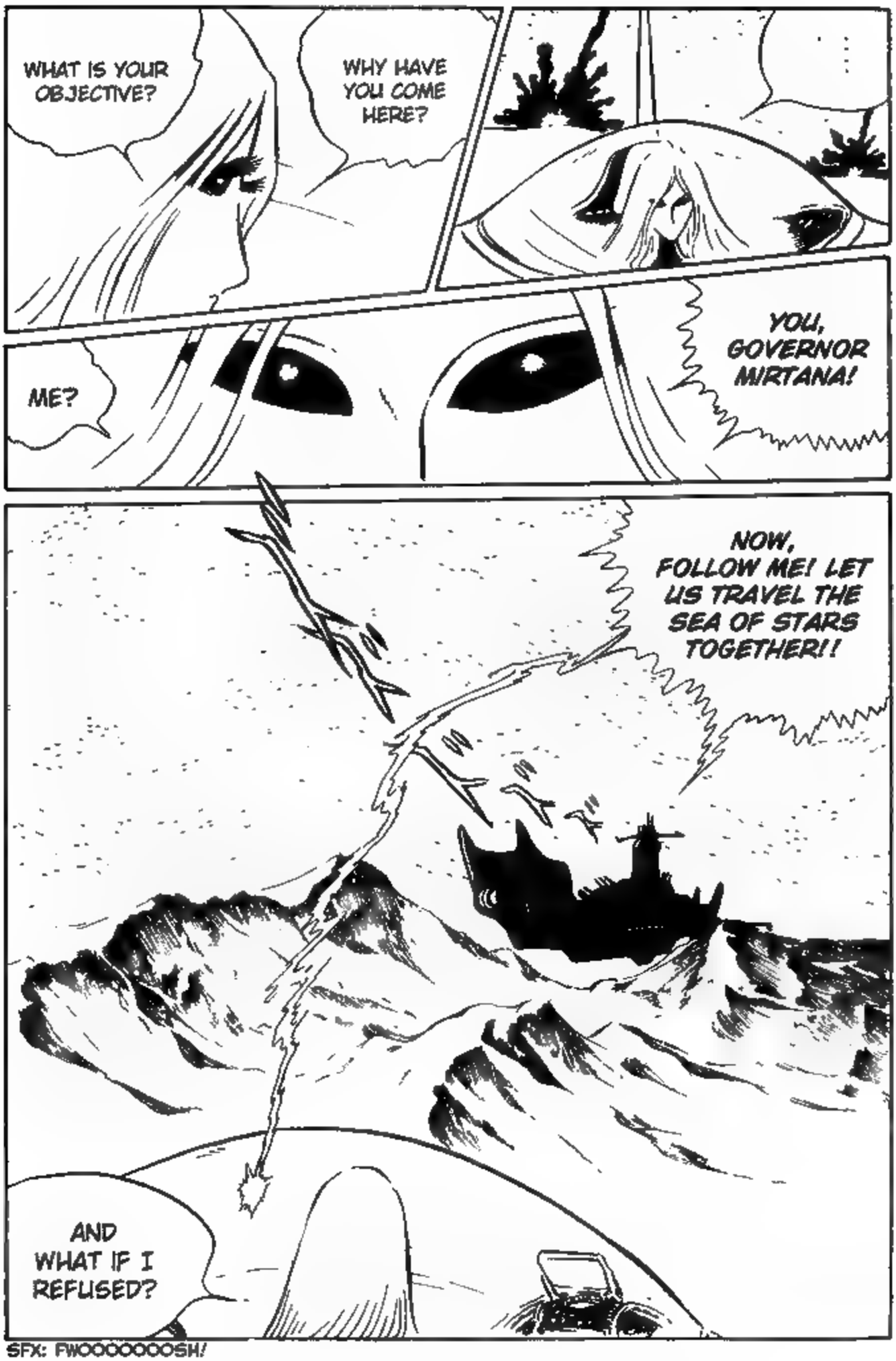

INSTRUCT ALL COLONISTS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES!!
SOUND THE ALARM FOR THE ENTIRE COLONY!
SFX: BEEP! BEEP! BEEEEP!
DECODE IT.
JAM SIGNAL, SIR.
I FORBID YOU TO ENACT A STATE OF EMERGENCY!
CEASE THE ALARM IMMEDIATELY!
NOW HAVE THE LEADER OF THIS COLONY COME TO MY LANDING SITE.
IF YOU DISOBEY MY ORDERS, I WILL DESTROY THIS ENTIRE COLONY!


I AM GOING..
NO TELL-ING.
DO YOU THINK THE GOVERNOR WILL GO?
I MUST AFFIRM DEATH SKULL'S OBJECTIVES.
I HAVE NO NEED FOR AN ESCORT.
OF COURSE ...
VERY WELL, COME WITH ME.
BUT...

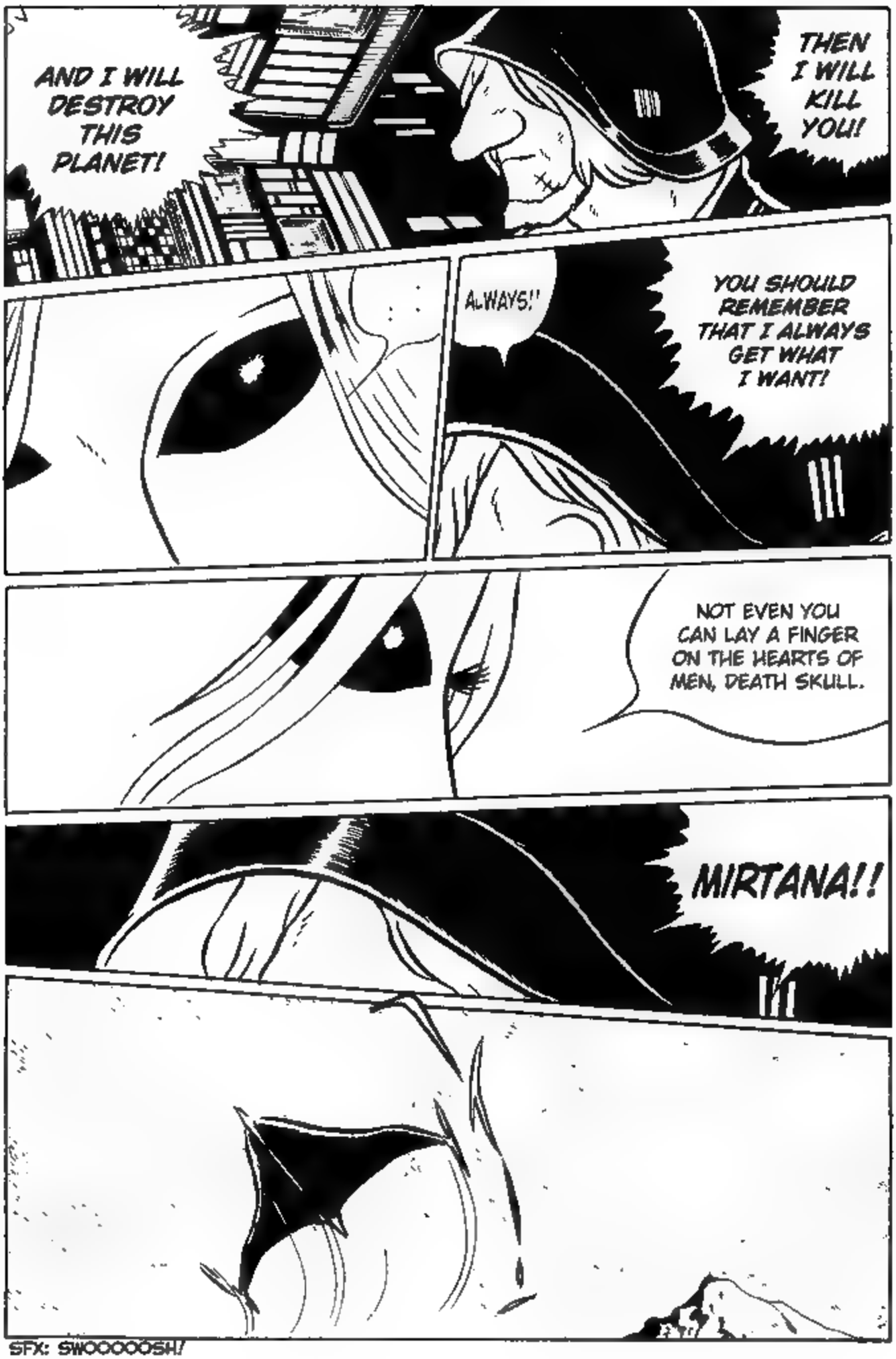
SFX: SWOOOOOOOSH!
CURVE TO THE RIGHT AND ACCELERATE. MAINTAIN ALTITUDE.

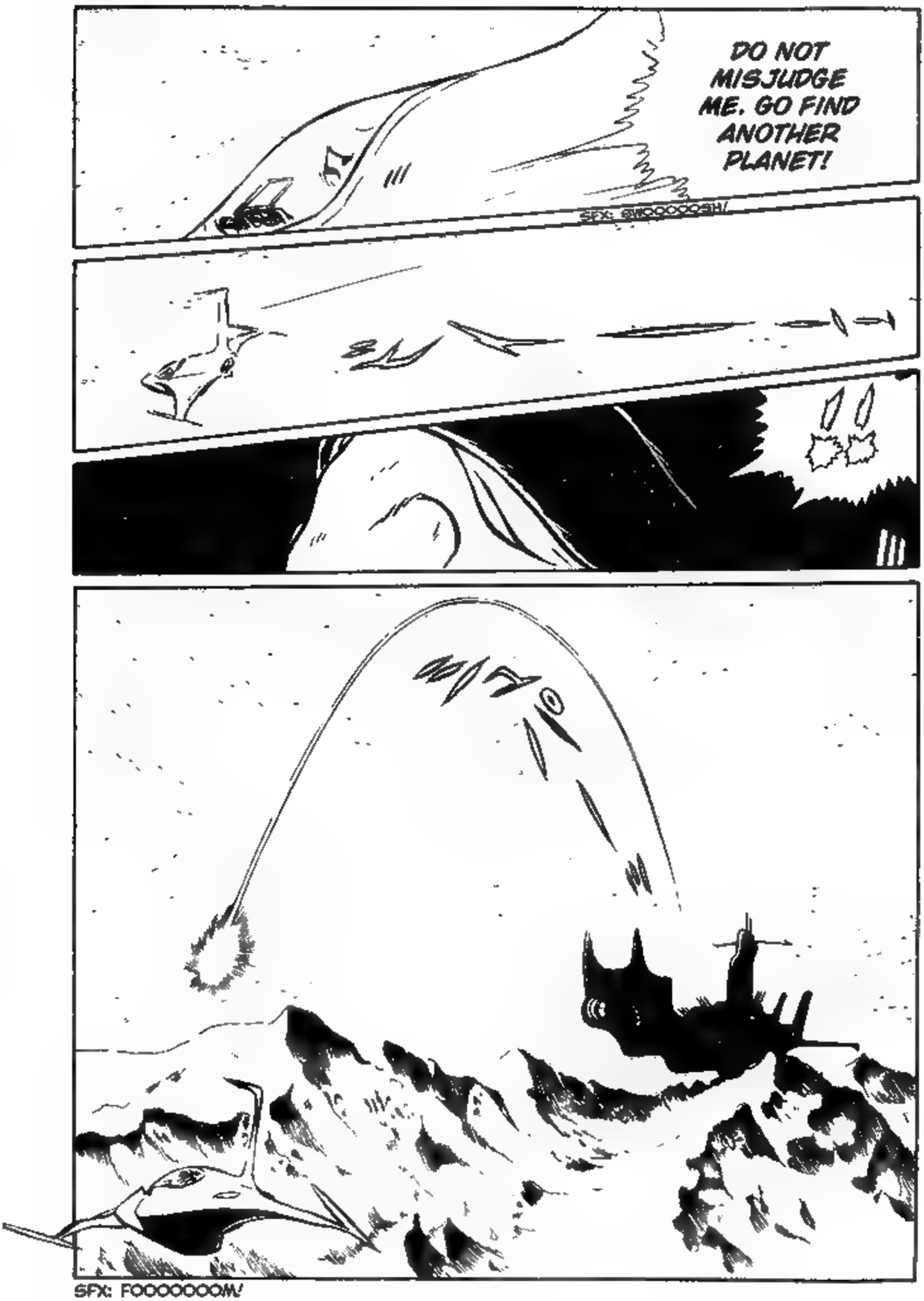

THIS IS A WARNING. ALL ESCORTS MUST TURN BACK.
SFX: SWOOOSH!
BUT THIS IS OUR DUTY!
YES, I UNDER-STAND.
OH, YOUR DUTY?
SFX: WHOOOOOSH!

SFX: KA-BAM/ KA-BAM/ / BOOOM/ BOOOM/

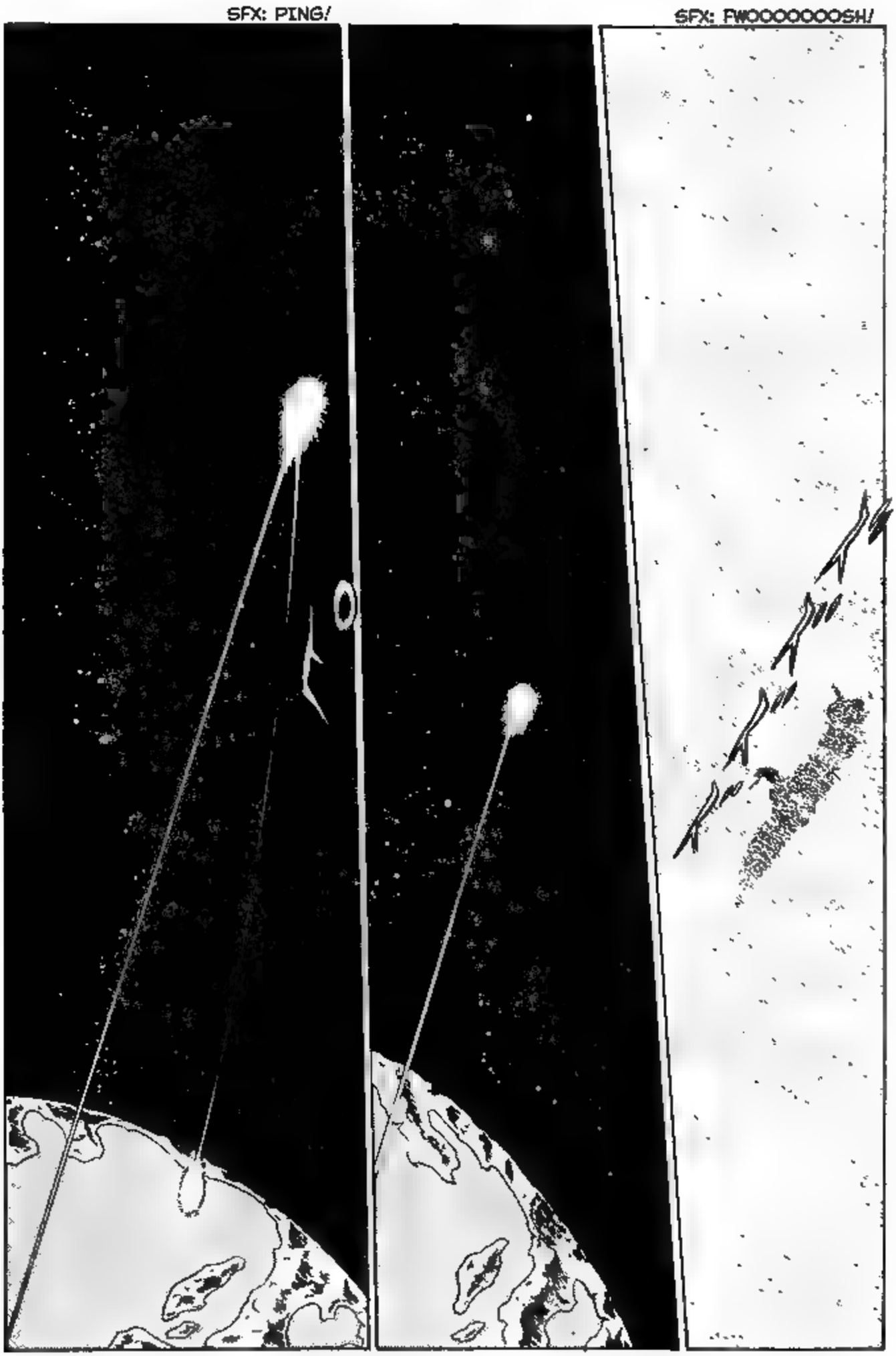

WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTIVE?
WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE?
ME?
YOU, GOVERNOR MIRTANA!
NOW, FOLLOW ME! LET US TRAVEL THE SEA OF STARS TOGETHER!!
AND WHAT IF I REFUSED?

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!

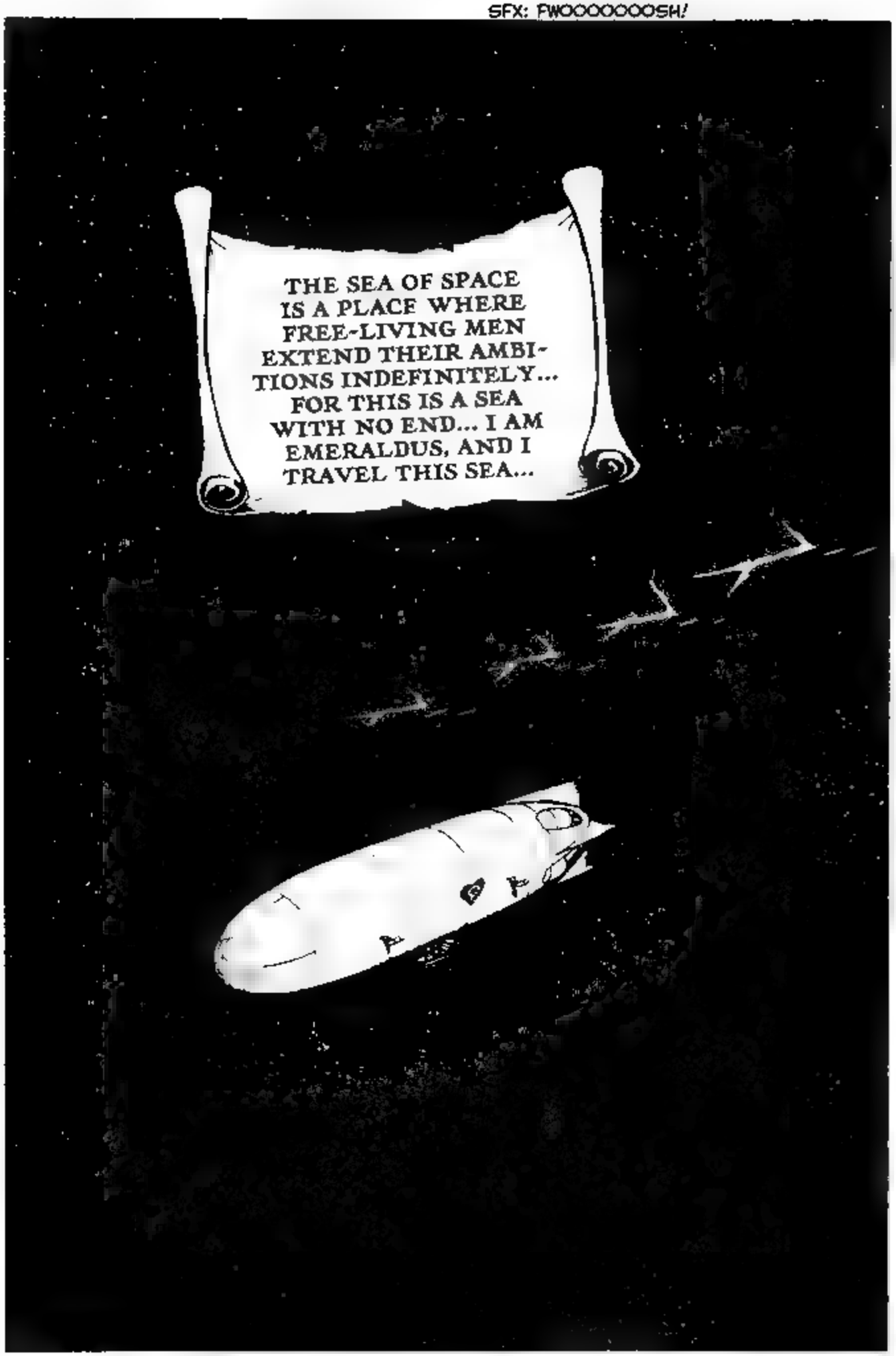

AND I WILL DESTROY THIS PLANET!
THEN I WILL KILL YOU!
ALWAYS!!
YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT I ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT!
NOT EVEN YOU CAN LAY A FINGER ON THE HEARTS OF MEN, DEATH SKULL.
MIRTANA!!
SFX: SWOOOOOSH!


DO NOT MISJUDGE ME. GO FIND ANOTHER PLANET!
SFX: SWOOOOOSH!
SFX: FOOOOOOOM!

SFX: KA-BOOOOOM!


SFX: PING/
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH/

SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
THAT'S STRANGE A PLANET EXPLODED... WITHOUT ANY FOREWARNING...
WHAT'S THAT SHIP OVER THERE?
SO IT'S HER!! I SEE! FASCINATING!! NOW THIS IS FASCINATING!!
HMM... THE QUEEN EMERALDUS...

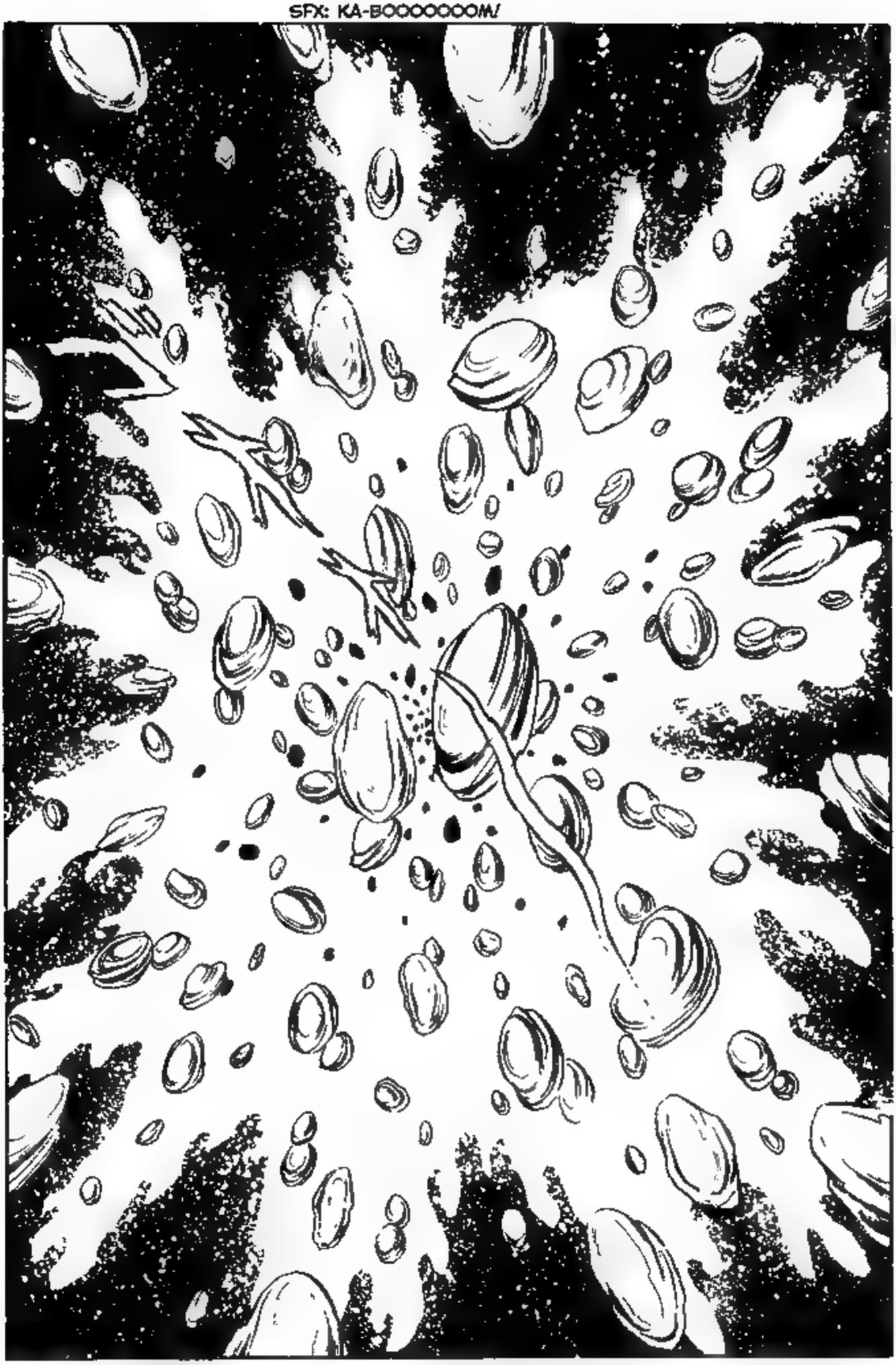

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!
THE SEA OF SPACE IS A PLACE WHERE FREE-LIVING MEN EXTEND THEIR AMBITIONS INDEFINITELY... FOR THIS IS A SEA WITH NO END... I AM EMERALDUS, AND I TRAVEL THIS SEA...

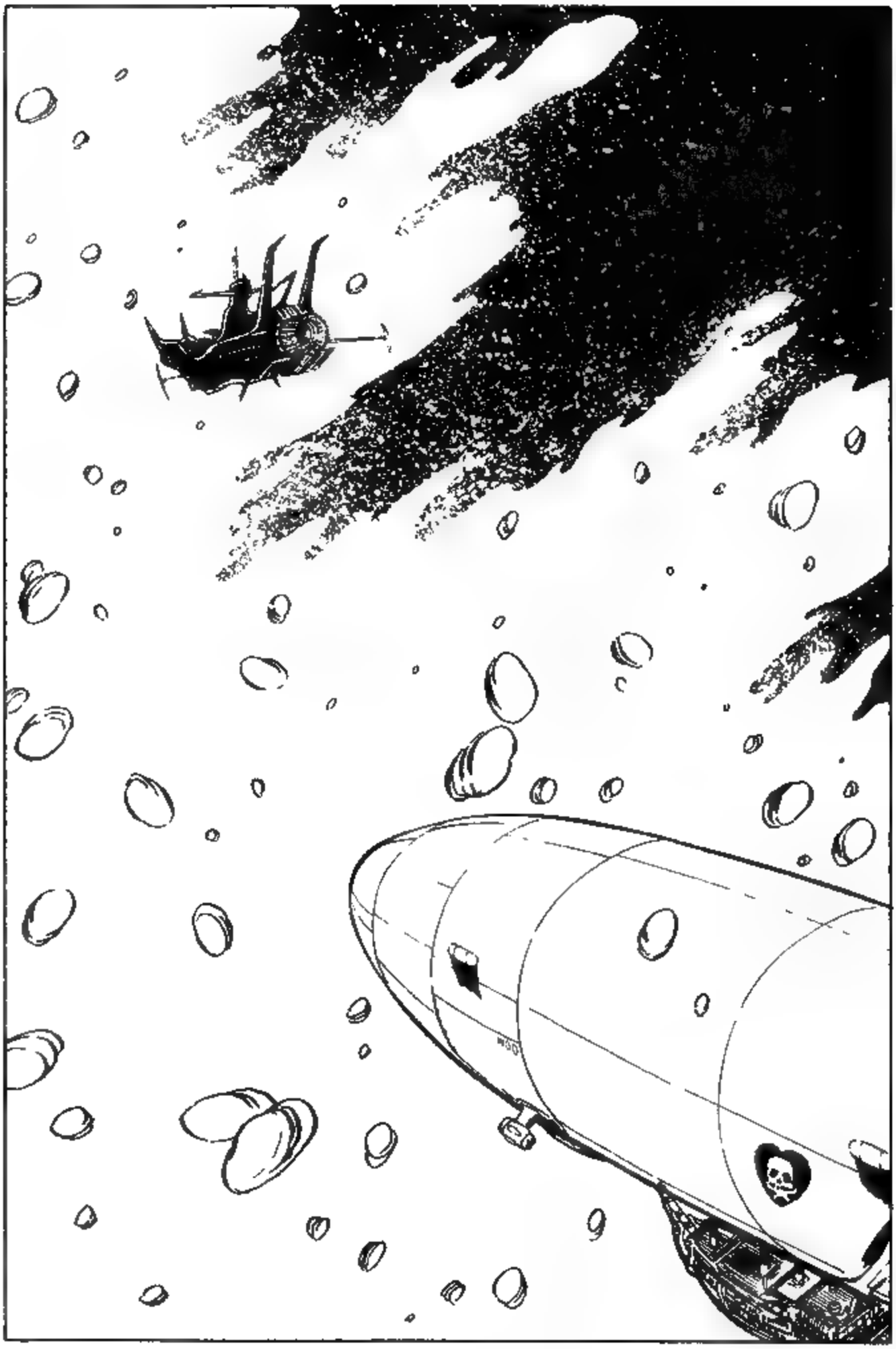
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!

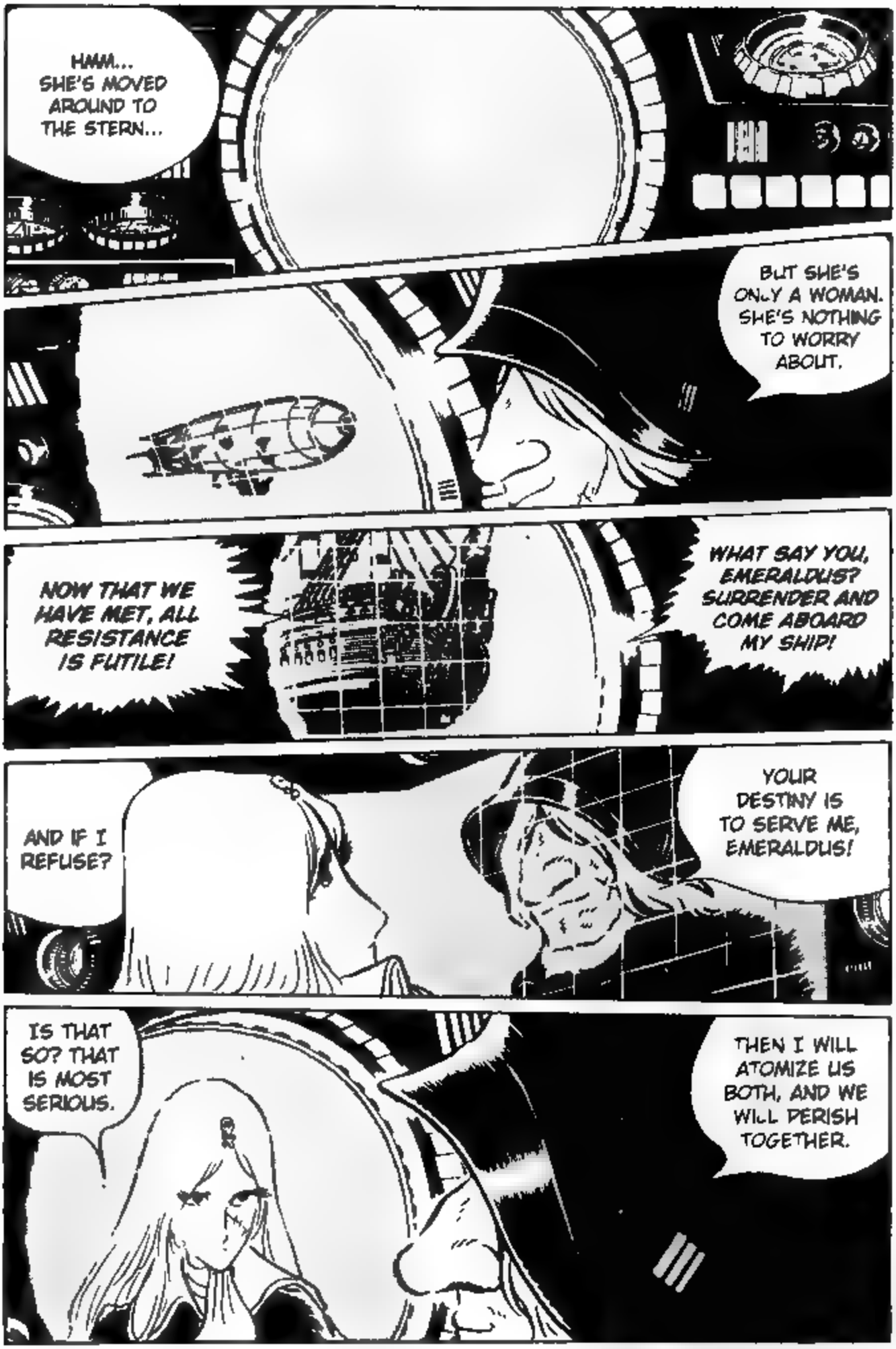
SFX: KA-BOOOOOM!

SFX: BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
SFX: BEEP!
A LEVEL SIX DANGEROUS INDIVIDUAL, CATEGORY C..
THE DARK SHEAR 4.. DEATH SKULL THE BANDIT... A BRUTAL AND IRRATIONAL MAN. .
A MISERABLE MAN RULED BY VIOLENCE... WHO HAS DESTROYED 69 PLANETS...
THAT HE DID NOT LIKE.. HMM. . SO THAT ONE MUST HAVE BEEN HIS DOING...

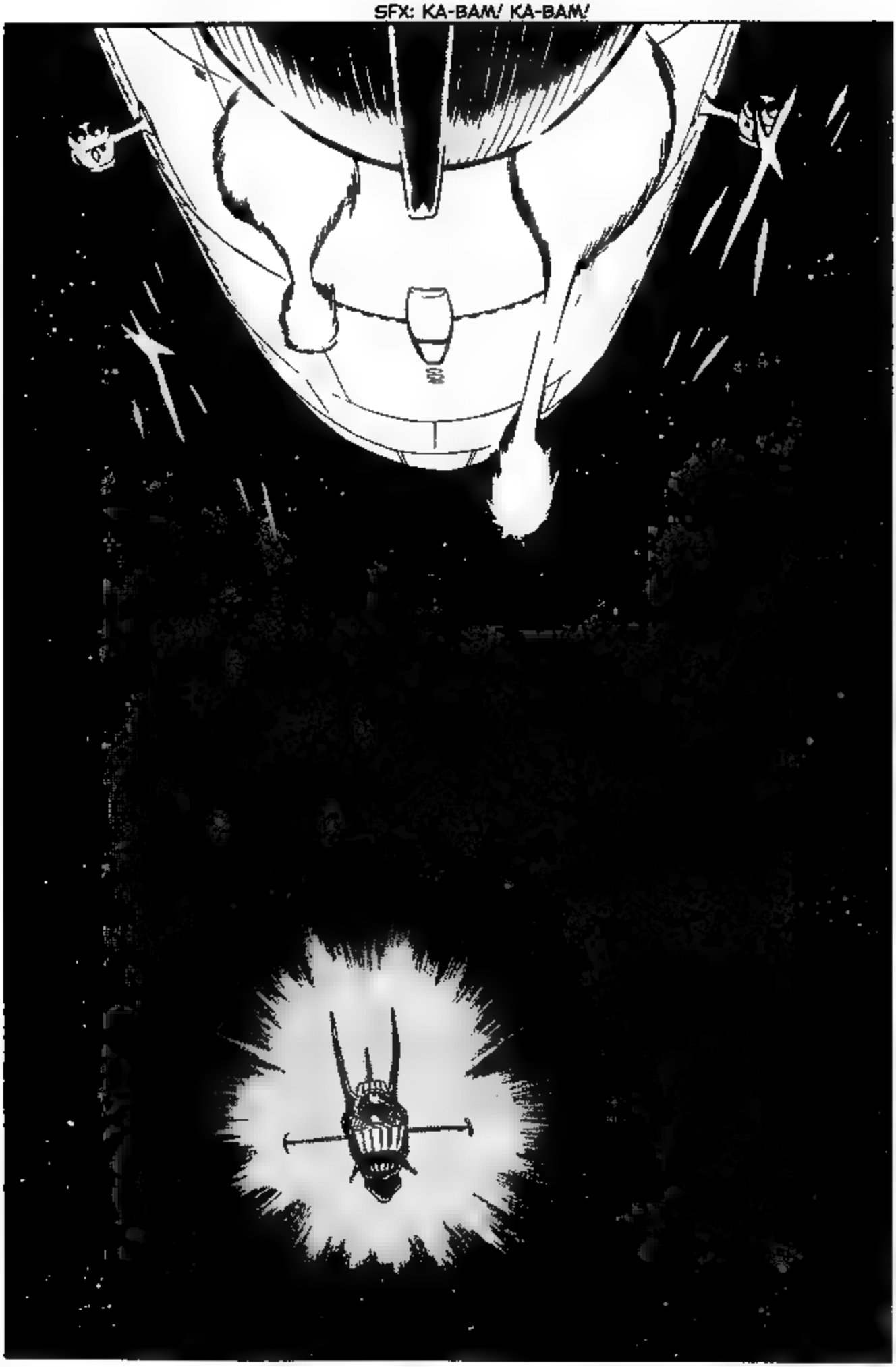
SFX: KA-BOOOOOOOM!

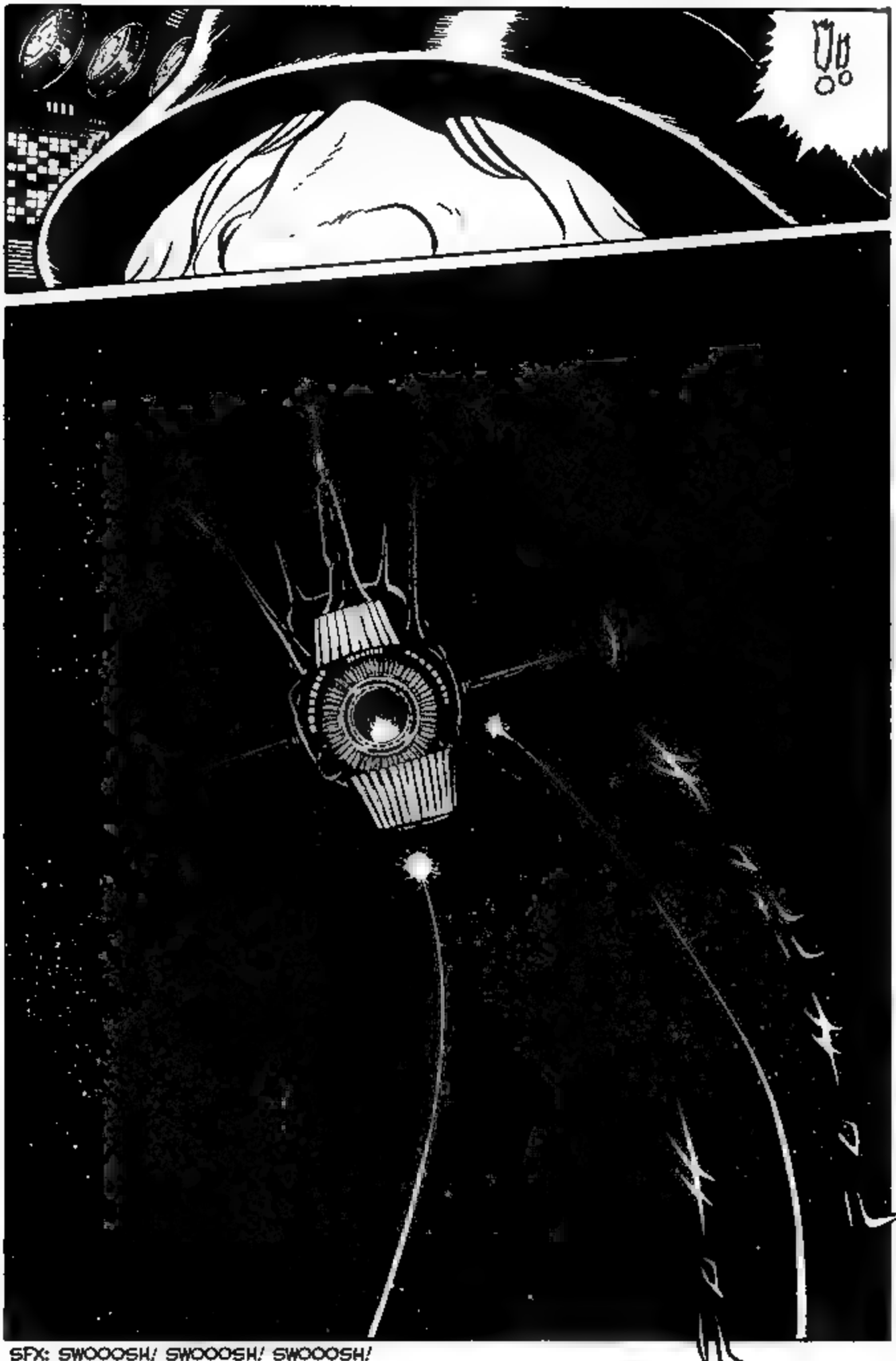





HMM... SHE'S MOVED AROUND TO THE STERN...
BUT SHE'S ONLY A WOMAN. SHE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
NOW THAT WE HAVE MET, ALL RESISTANCE IS FUTILE!
WHAT SAY YOU, EMERALDUS? SURRENDER AND COME ABOARD MY SHIP!
AND IF I REFUSE?
YOUR DESTINY IS TO SERVE ME, EMERALDUS!
IS THAT SO? THAT IS MOST SERIOUS.
THEN I WILL ATOMIZE US BOTH, AND WE WILL PERISH TOGETHER.

SFX: KA-BAM/ KA-BAM/

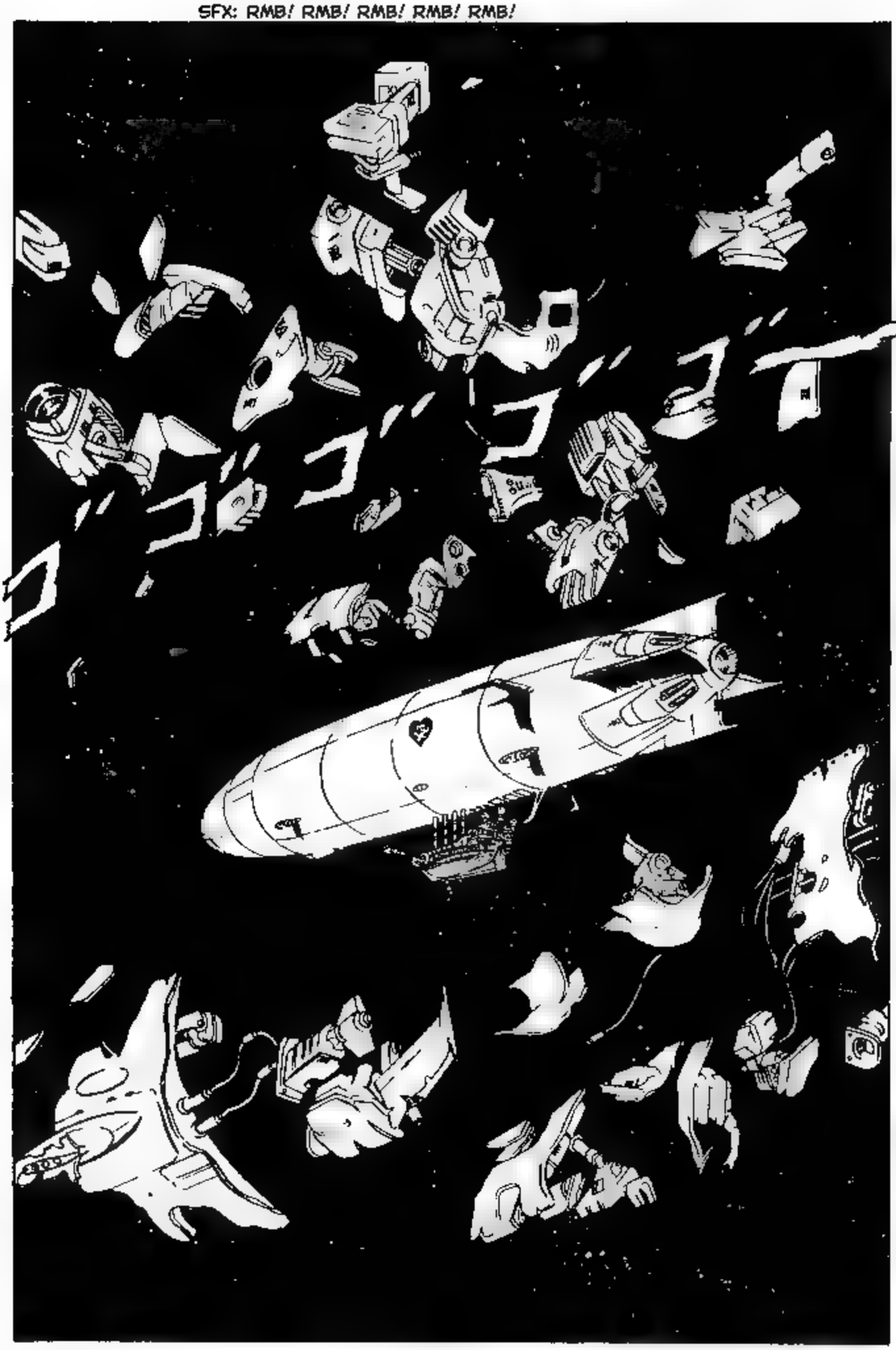




SFX: SWOOOSH! SWOOOSH! SWOOOSH!

WHOOOOOOM

SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!



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HEHEHE... I SEE YOU KNOW HOW TO FIGHT, EMERALDUS.
I SEE... YOU GOT AWAY IN AN ESCAPE POD, DIDN'T YOU, DEATH SKULL?
I AM A VETERAN. I AM WELL-VERSED IN A FIGHT.
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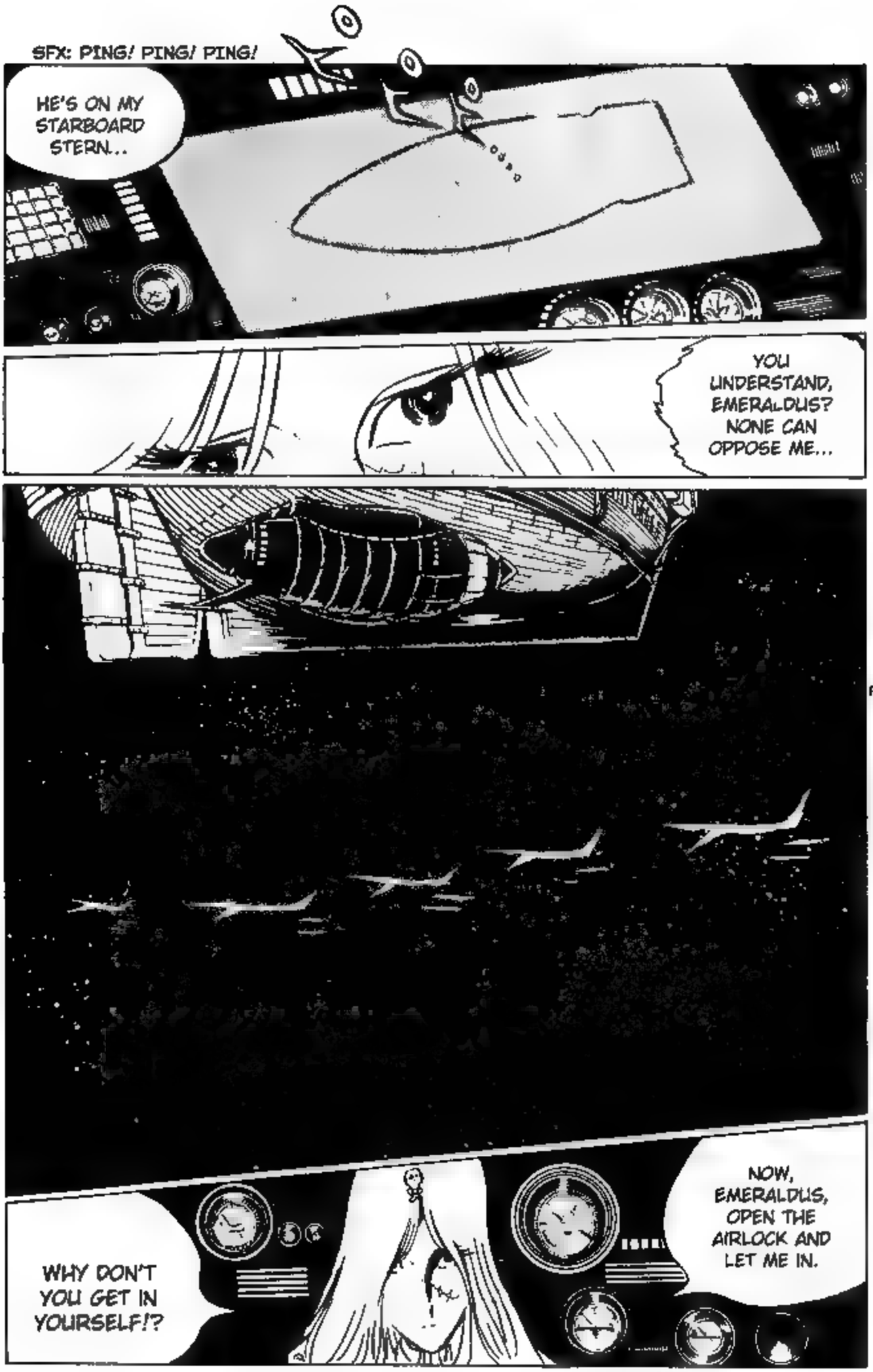
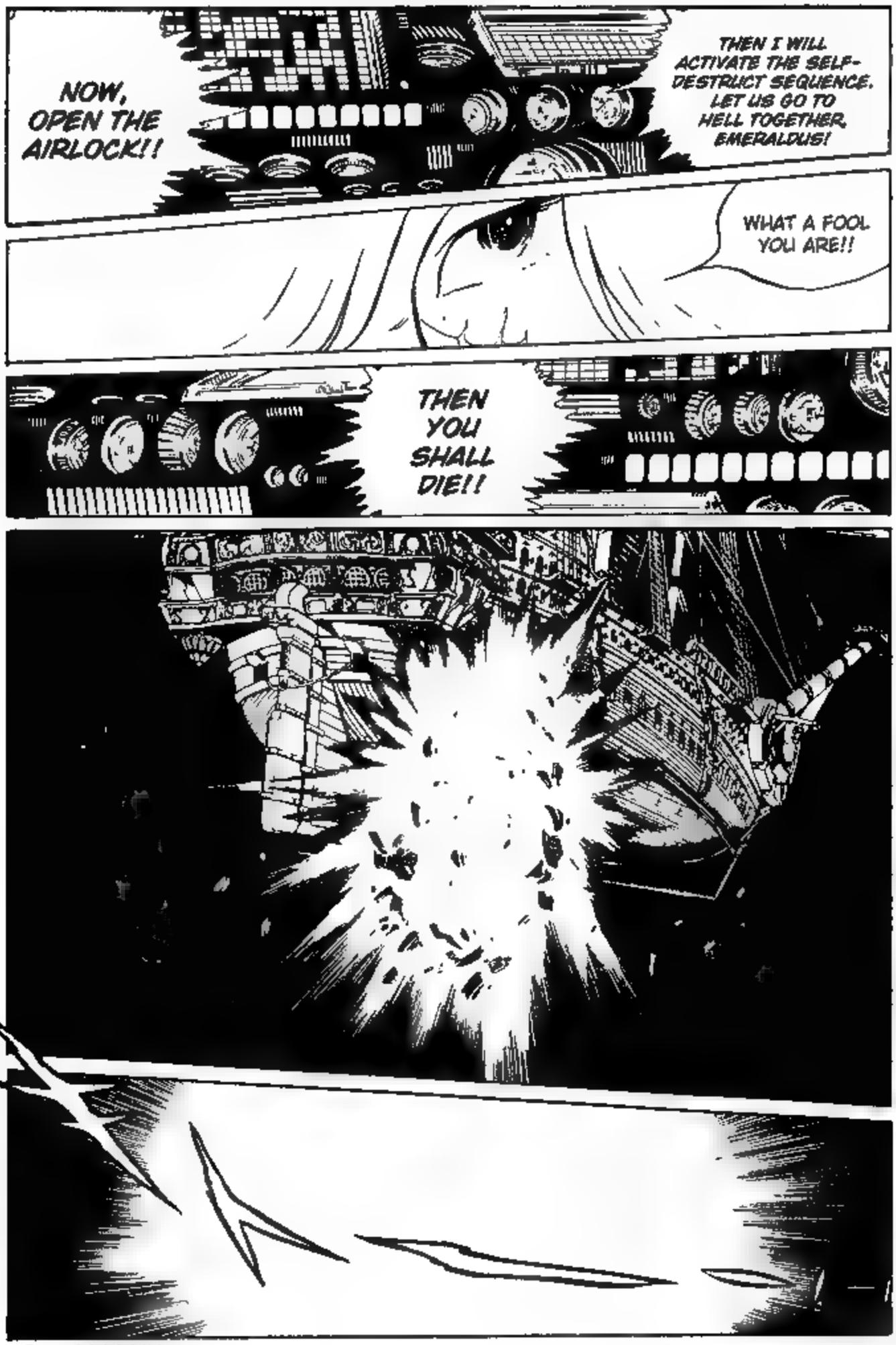
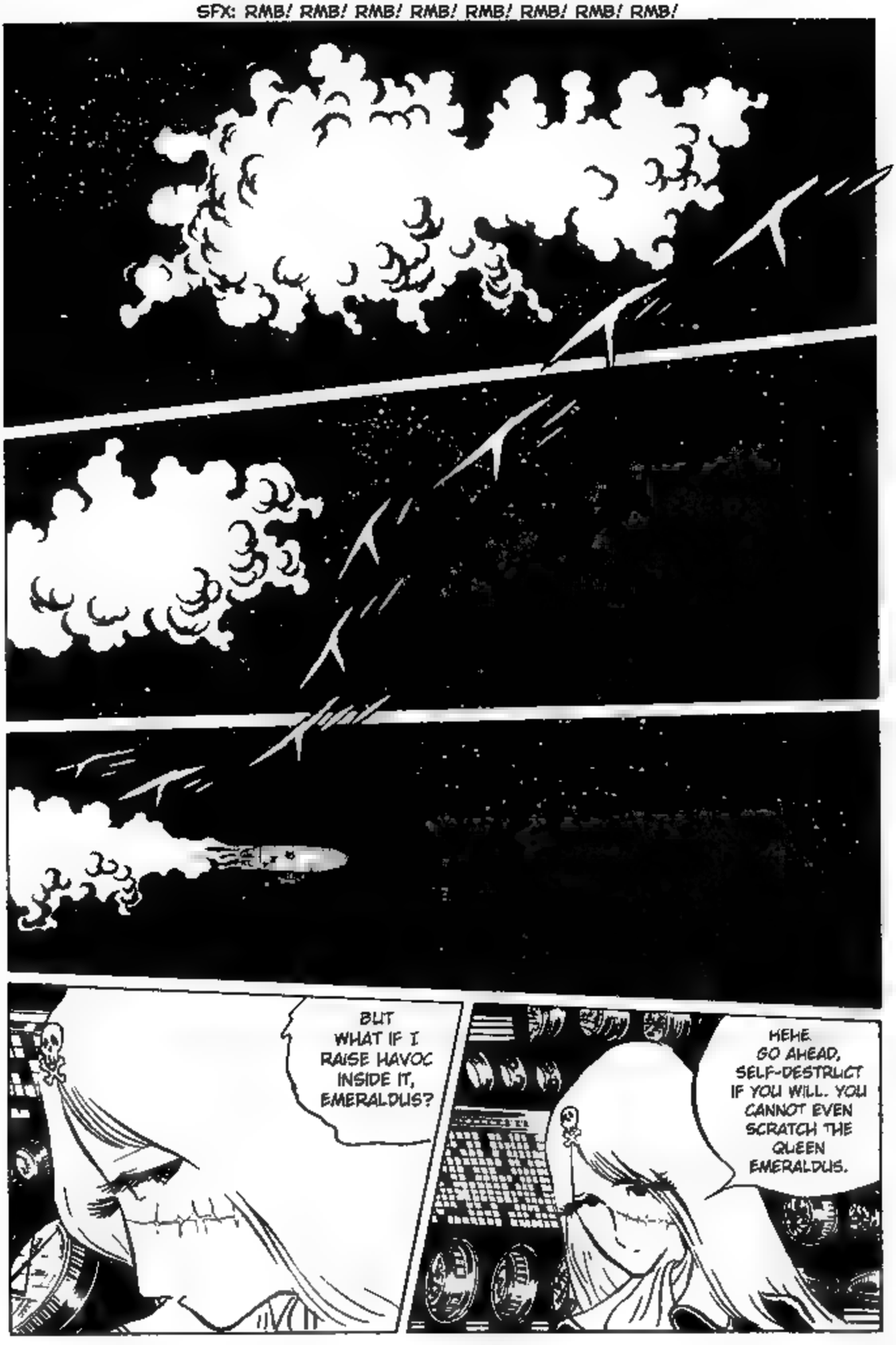
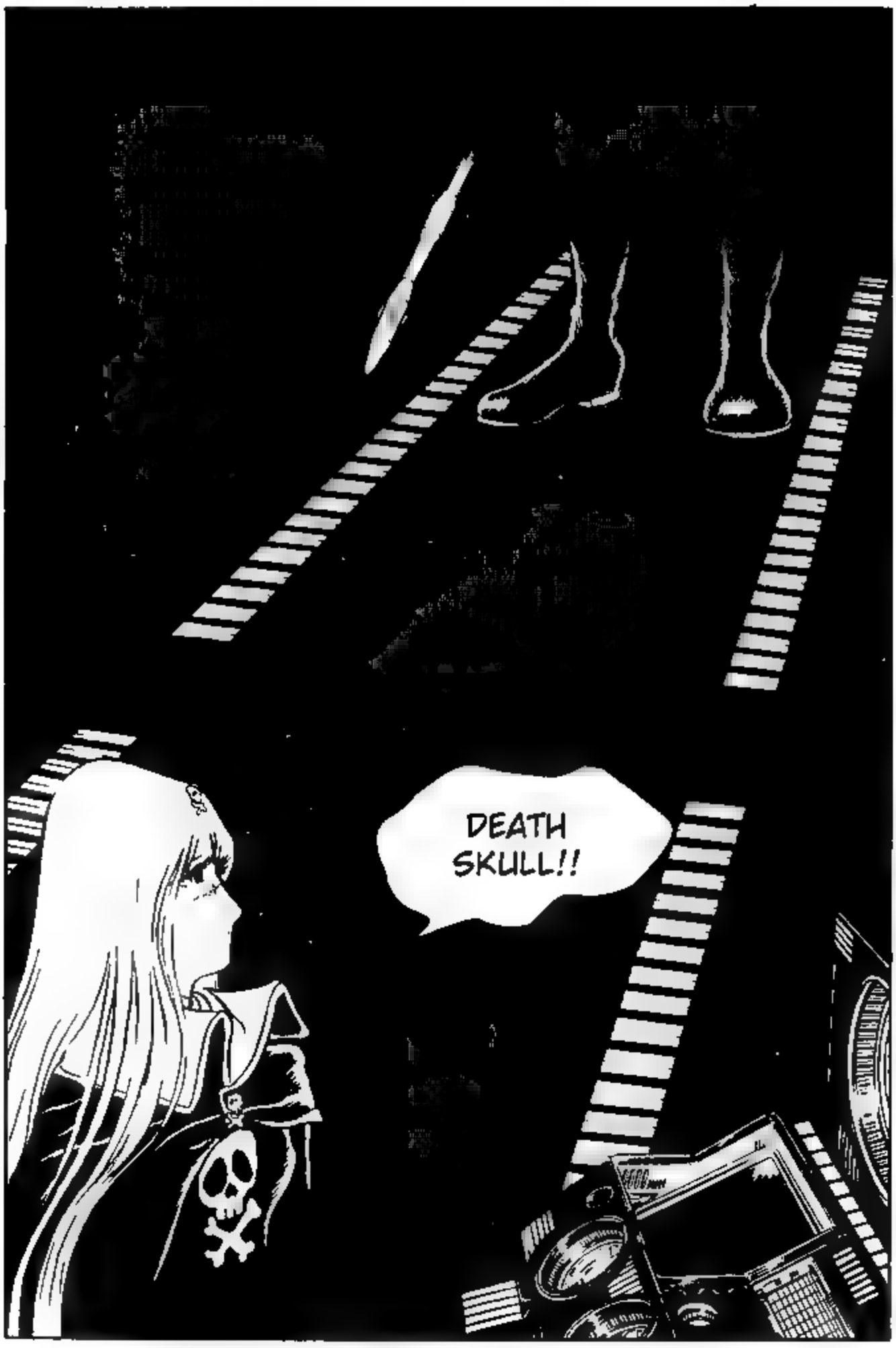
IN FACT, I CONSIDER MYSELF A PROFESSIONAL, EMERALDUS.

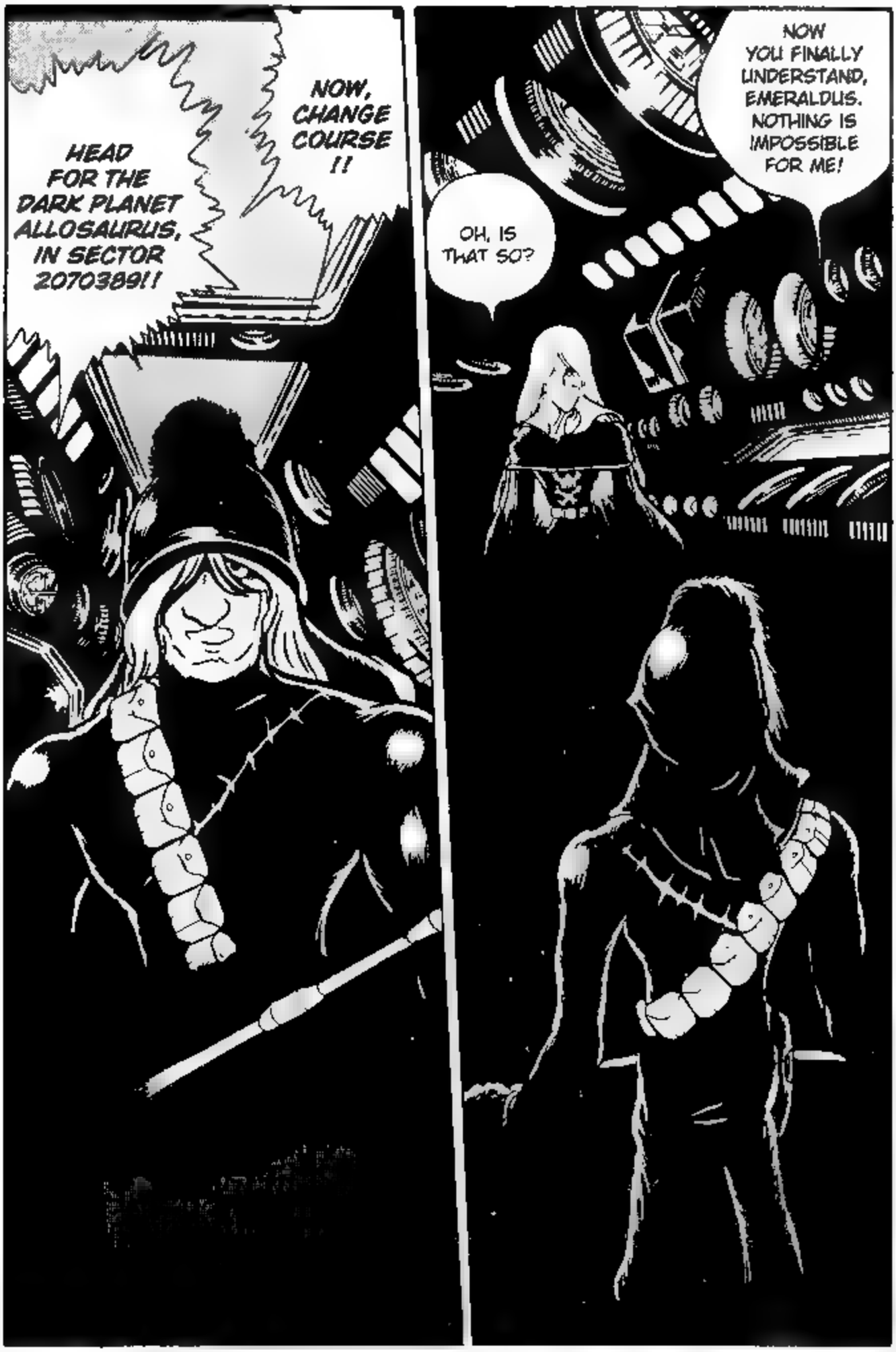

SFX: PING! PING! PING!
HE'S ON MY STARBOARD STERN...
YOU UNDERSTAND, EMERALDUS? NONE CAN OPPOSE ME...
SFX: FWOOOSH!
NOW, EMERALDUS, OPEN THE AIRLOCK AND LET ME IN.
WHY DON'T YOU GET IN YOURSELF!?


NOW, OPEN THE AIRLOCK!!
THEN I WILL ACTIVATE THE SELF-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE. LET US GO TO HELL TOGETHER, EMERALDUS!
WHAT A FOOL YOU ARE!!
THEN YOU SHALL DIE!!
SFX: BOOOOOM!

SFX: KA-BOOOOOOOM!

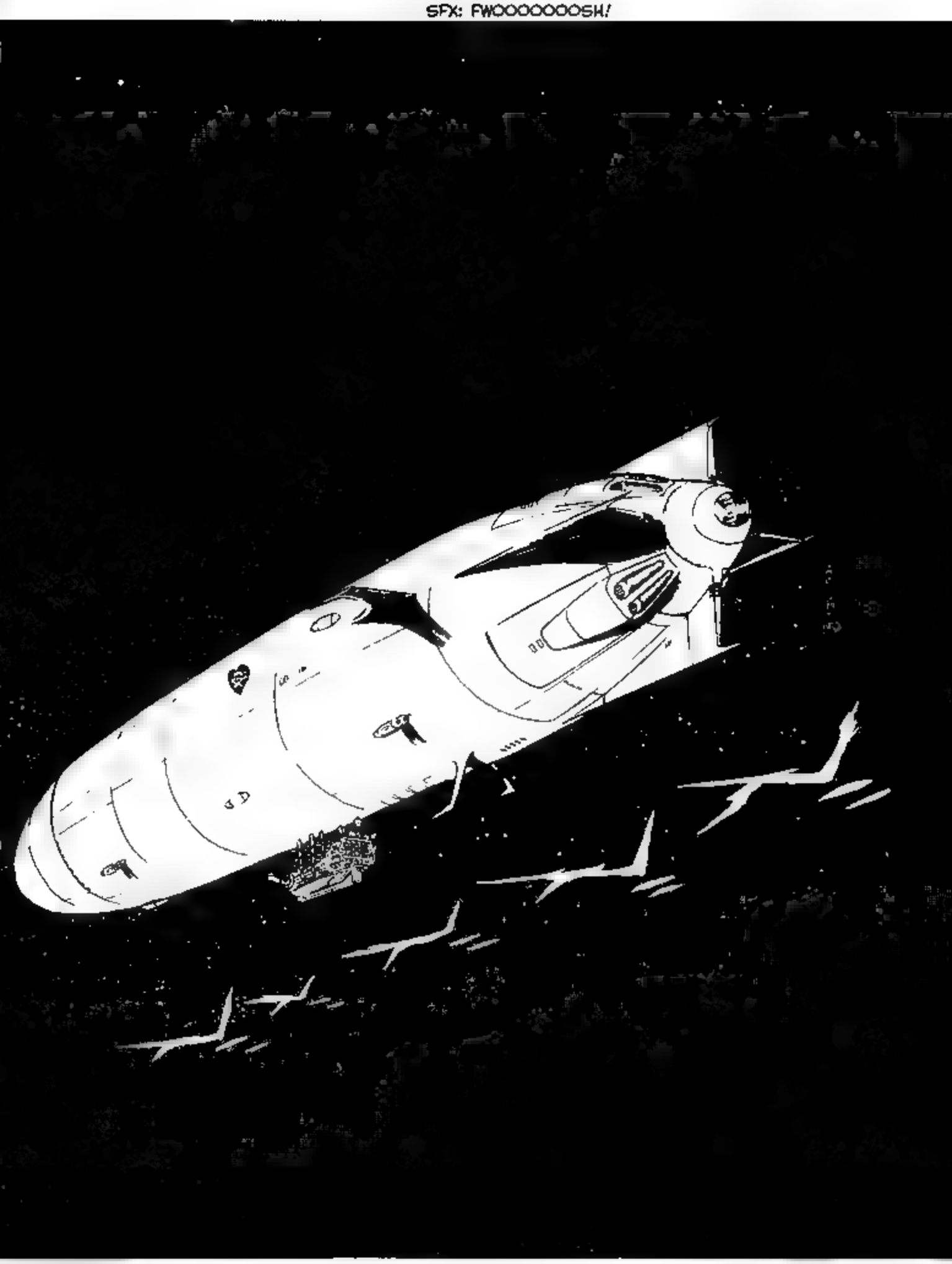

SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
BUT WHAT IF I RAISE HAVOC INSIDE IT, EMERALDUS?
HEHE. GO AHEAD, SELF-DESTRUCT IF YOU WILL. YOU CANNOT EVEN SCRATCH THE QUEEN EMERALDUS.


DEATH SKULL!!

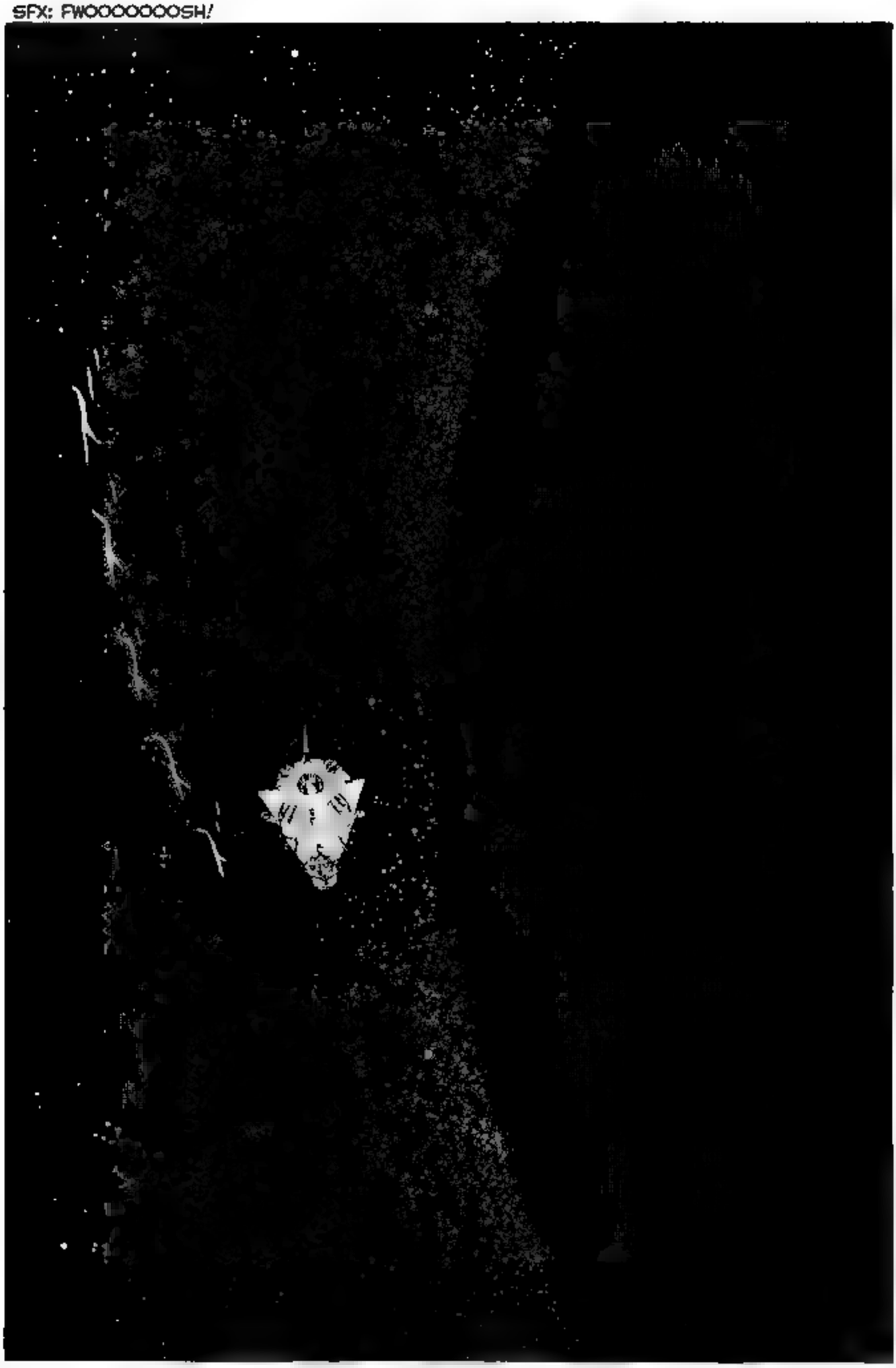

NOW, CHANGE COURSE !!
HEAD FOR THE DARK PLANET ALLOSAURUS, IN SECTOR 2070389!!
OH, IS THAT SO?
NOW YOU FINALLY UNDERSTAND, EMERALDUS. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME!

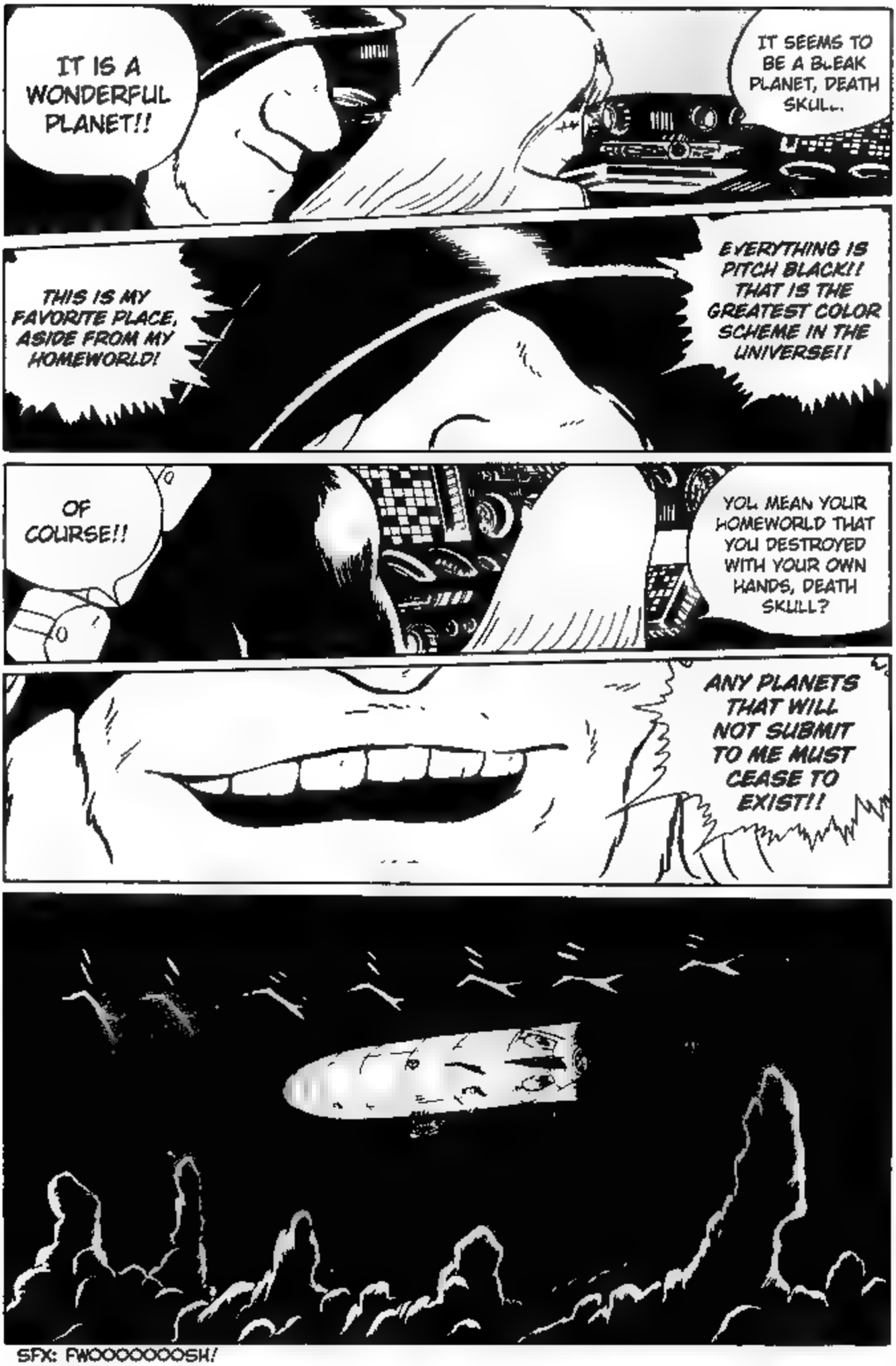
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!



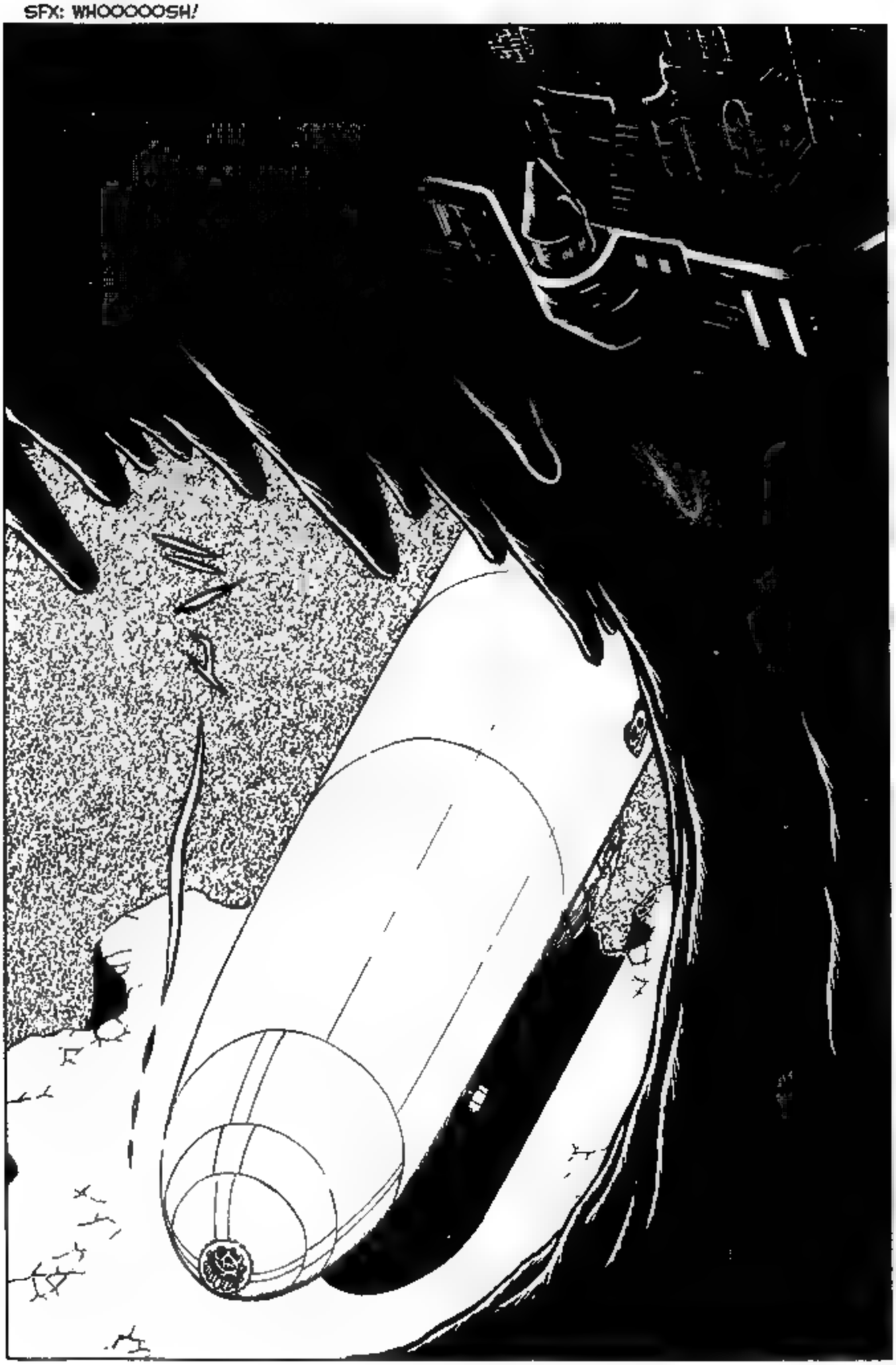
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!

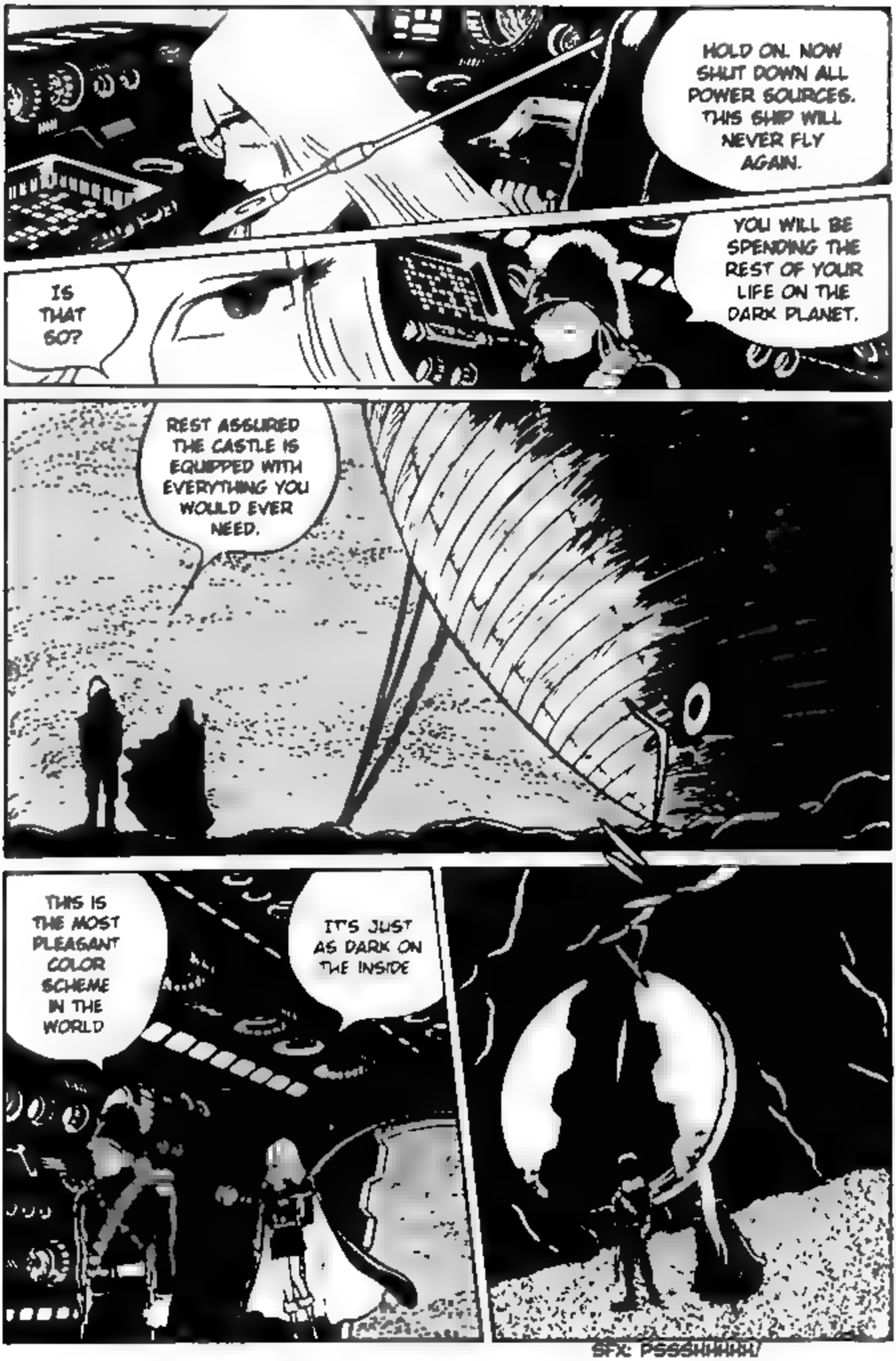



IT IS A WONDERFUL PLANET!!
IT SEEMS TO BE A BLEAK PLANET, DEATH SKULL.
THIS IS MY FAVORITE PLACE, ASIDE FROM MY HOMEWORLD!
EVERYTHING IS PITCH BLACK!! THAT IS THE GREATEST COLOR SCHEME IN THE UNIVERSE!!
OF COURSE!!
YOU MEAN YOUR HOMEWORLD THAT YOU DESTROYED WITH YOUR OWN HANDS, DEATH SKULL?
ANY PLANETS THAT WILL NOT SUBMIT TO ME MUST CEASE TO EXIST!!
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!

BEHOLD. THAT IS MY CASTLE. LAND US THERE.
I SEE. IT IS A MOST MAGNIFICENT DWELLING, DEATH SKULL.
LET US HOPE IT CAN WITHSTAND THE QUEEN EMERALDUS' SONIC BEAM...
MY CASTLE IS STURDY! AND IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A PIER FOR LARGE SHIPS!!
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!

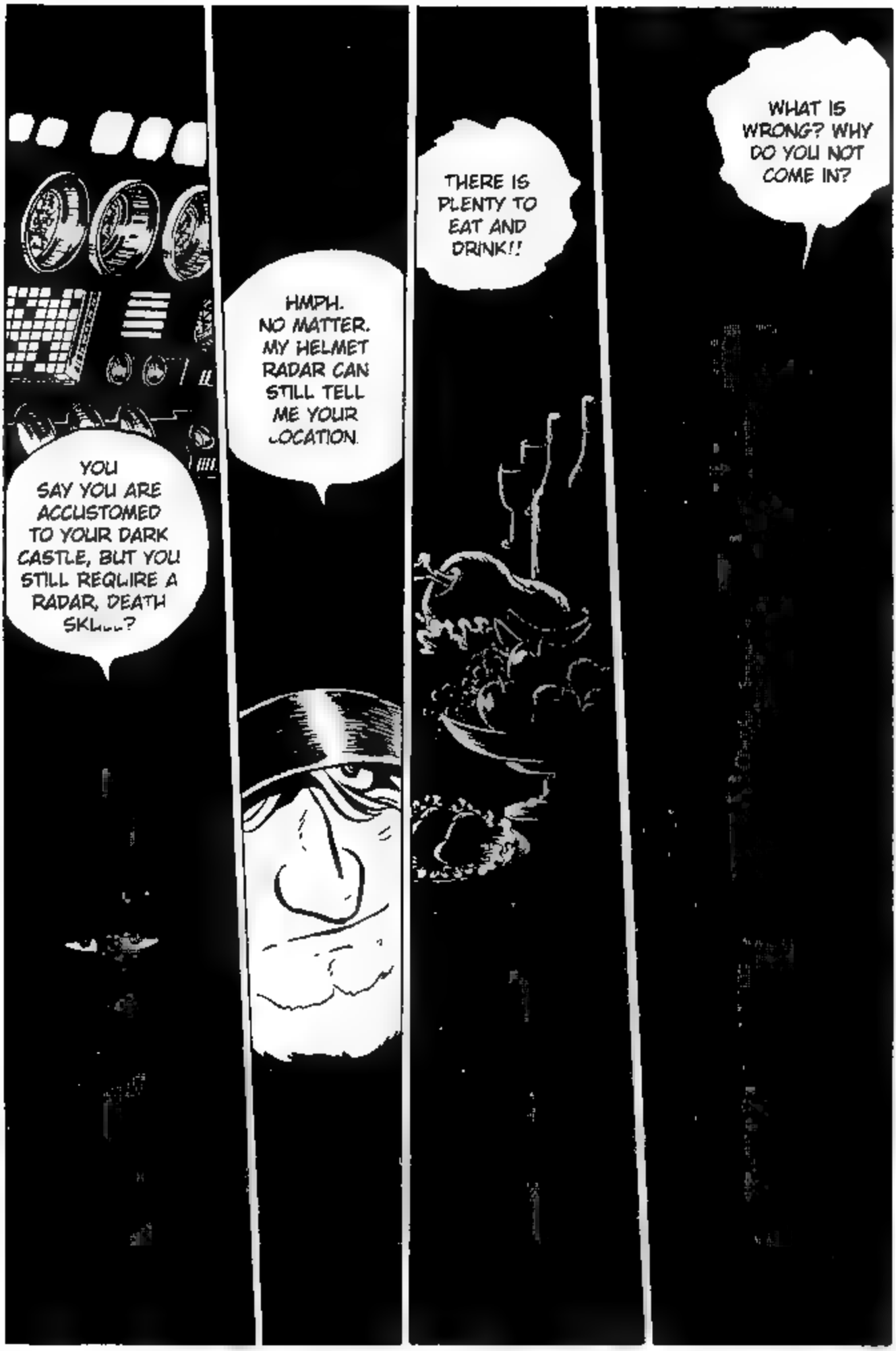
SFX: WHOOOOOOSH!




HOLD ON. NOW SHUT DOWN ALL POWER SOURCES. THIS SHIP WILL NEVER FLY AGAIN.
YOU WILL BE SPENDING THE REST OF YOUR LIFE ON THE DARK PLANET.
IS THAT SO?
REST ASSURED THE CASTLE IS EQUIPPED WITH EVERYTHING YOU WOULD EVER NEED.
THIS IS THE MOST PLEASANT COLOR SCHEME IN THE WORLD
IT'S JUST AS DARK ON THE INSIDE
SFX: PSSSHHHHH/

I AM IMPRESSED YOU CAN WALK ABOUT IN THIS DARKNESS, DEATH SKULL.
THIS IS MY OWN CASTLE IT MAKES PRECIOUS LITTLE DIFFERENCE WHETHER IT IS LIGHT OR DARK I KNOW ITS ENTIRE STRUCTURE BY HEART

I KNOW.
IT IS TRULY A MAGNIFICENT CASTLE.
I AM SURE THAT YOUR HEART IS JUST AS BLACK AS YOUR CASTLE.
THIS IS MY CASTLE.
ARE YOU IMPRESSED, EMERALDUS?
I HAVE OPENED THE DOOR. NOW ENTER!!
SFX: CREEEEEAK!


YOU SAY YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED TO YOUR DARK CASTLE, BUT YOU STILL REQUIRE A RADAR, DEATH SKULL?
HMPH. NO MATTER. MY HELMET RADAR CAN STILL TELL ME YOUR LOCATION.
THERE IS PLENTY TO EAT AND DRINK!!
WHAT IS WRONG? WHY DO YOU NOT COME IN?

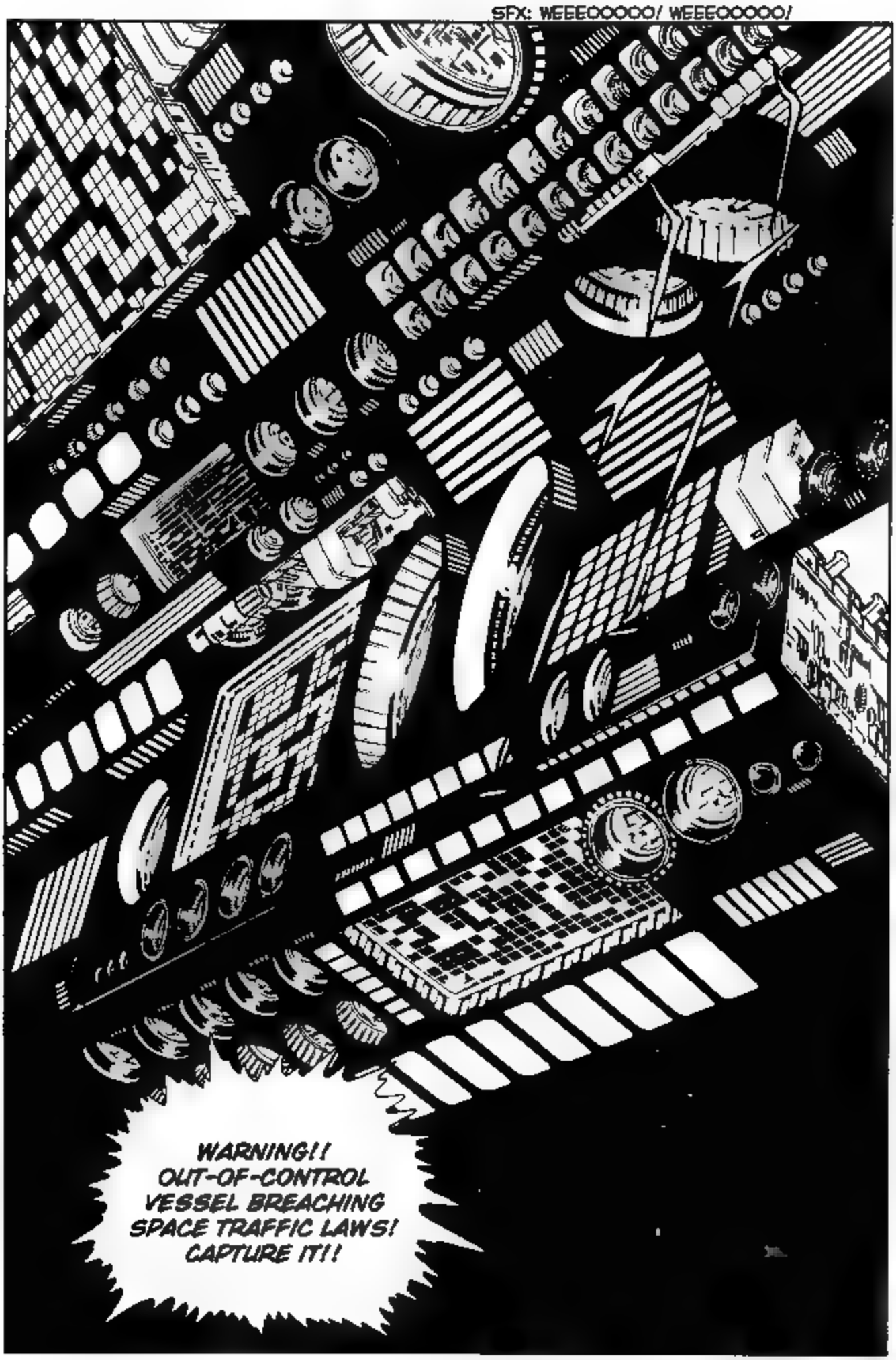
SFX: SKRAAAAASH! / KA-BOOOOOOOM!

AS YOU CAN SEE...
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?
JUST AS I WAS TOO EASY ON YOU WHEN I LET YOU OPEN THE AIRLOCK ON THE QUEEN EMERALDUS, DEATH SKULL.
YOUR MISTAKE WAS THAT YOU NEGLECTED TO CONFISCATE MY GRAVITY SABRE. PERHAPS YOU WERE TOO EASY ON ME.
W... WHAT?
WHAT IF I TOLD YOU IT WAS ALL A TRICK TO BRING MYSELF HERE, DEATH SKULL!?
W... W... WHAT...!?

YOUR CASTLE WOULD COLLAPSE IF WE FOUGHT HERE. SHALL WE FIGHT IN A WIDER SPACE?
I COULD ASK FOR NOTHING MORE, EMERA-LDUS!

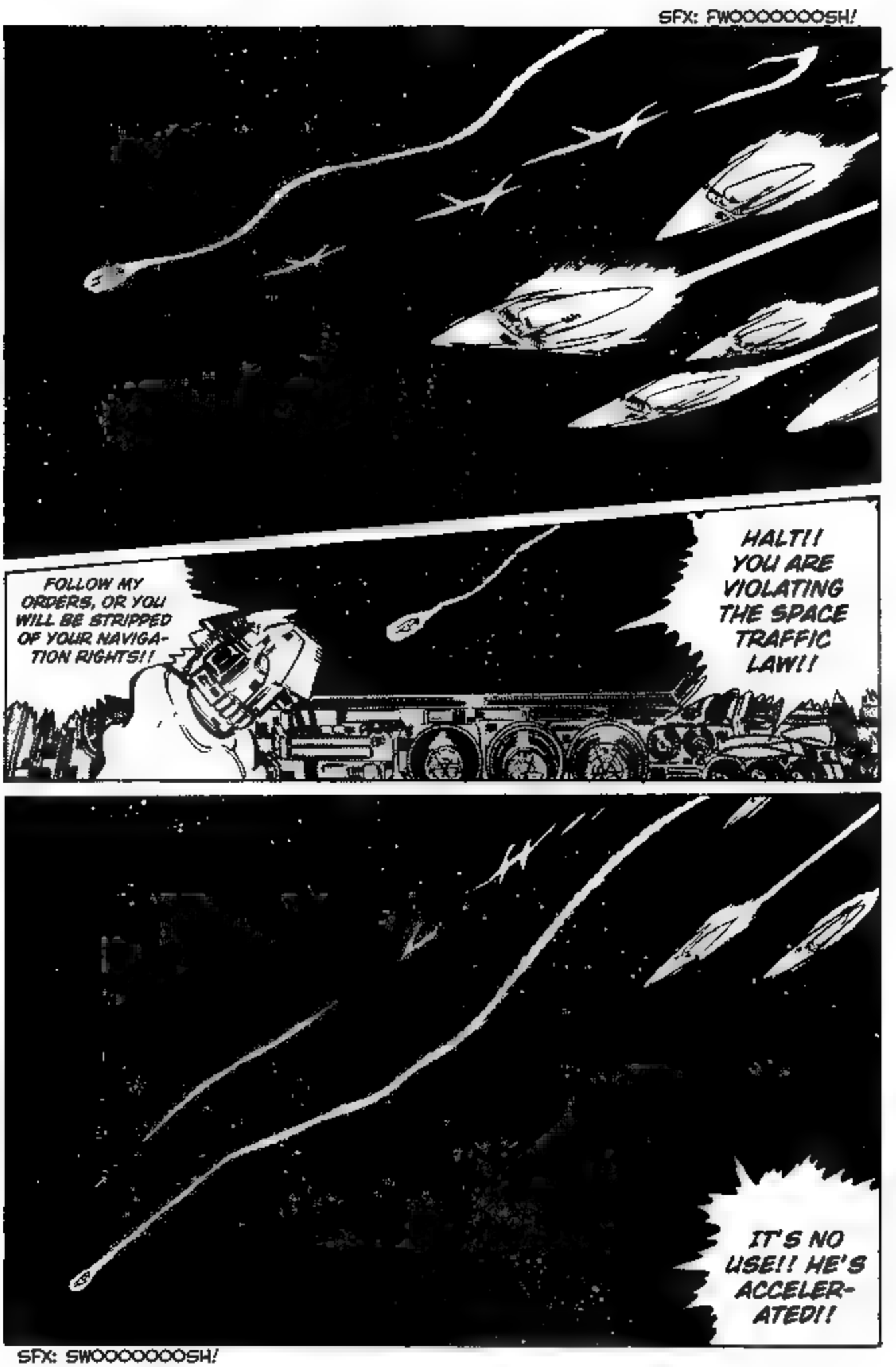
YES, EMERALDS! SOON YOU WILL KNEEL BEFORE ME BEGGING FOR FORGIVENESS!!

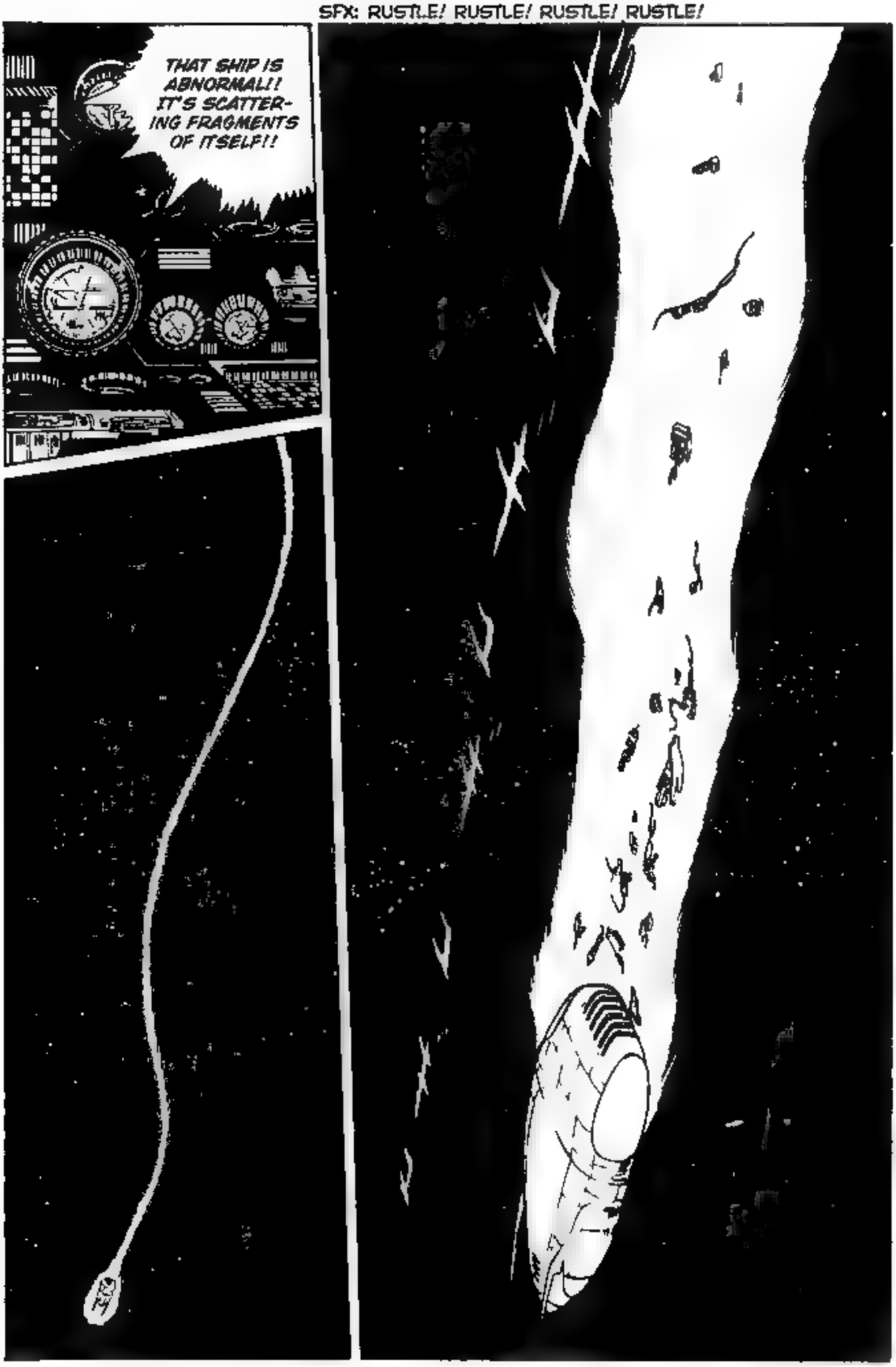
I AM EMERALDUS. THAT DAY ON THE BLACK PLANET ALLOSAURUS. I SAW THE BLACK BLOOD OF FOOLS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER. I AM EMERALDUS AND I NEVER PARDON THOSE WHO TOY WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES

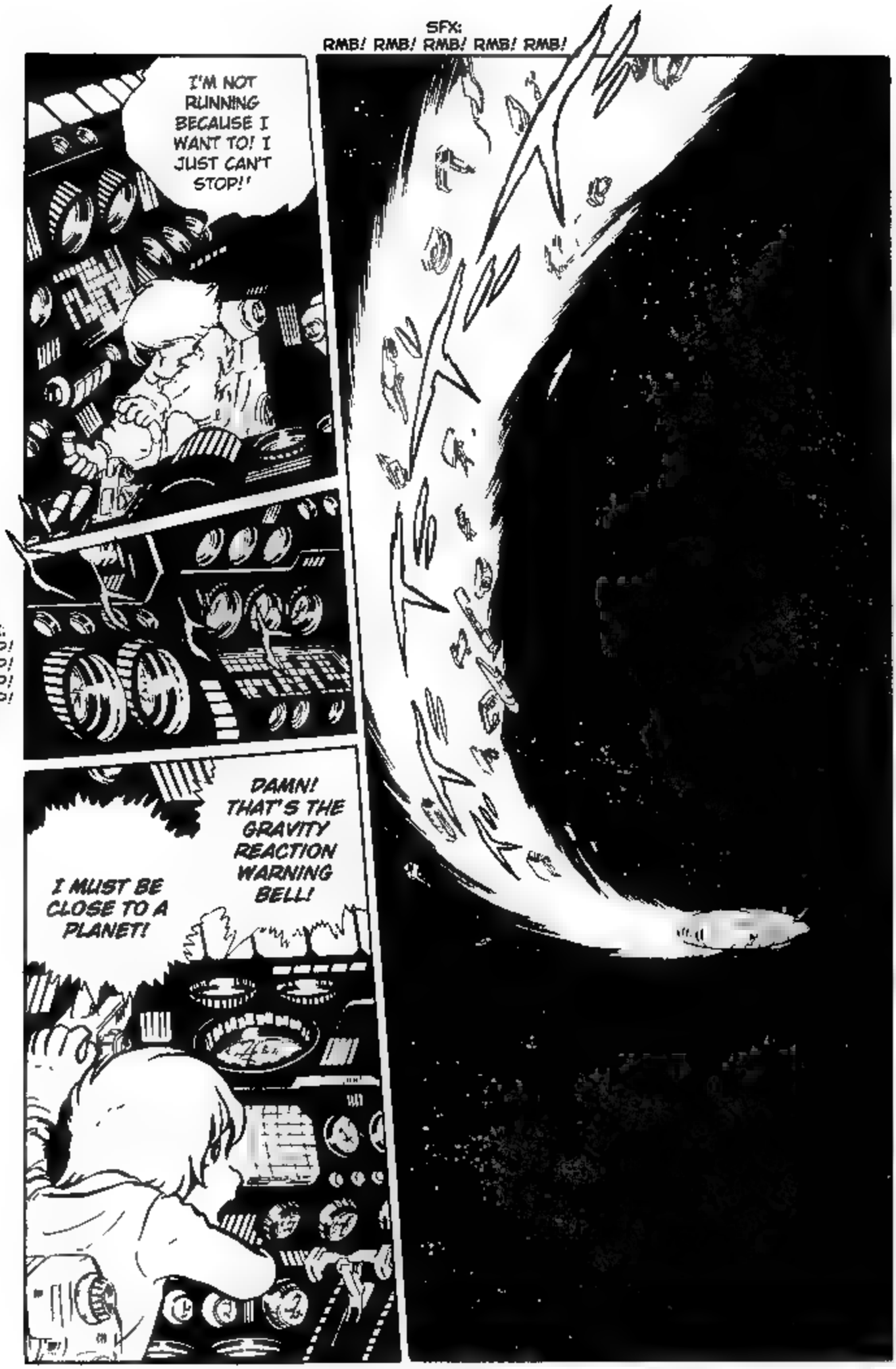

SFX: WEEEOOOOO/ WEEEOOOOO/
WARNING!!
OUT-OF-CONTROL
VESSEL BREACHING
SPACE TRAFFIC LAWS!
CAPTURE IT!!

SFX: SWOOOOOOOSH!

SFX: WHOOOOOOOSH!
ROGER THAT! WE WILL APPREHEND THE VESSEL AND BRING IT INTO CUSTODY!


SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!
HALT!! YOU ARE VIOLATING THE SPACE TRAFFIC LAW!!
FOLLOW MY ORDERS, OR YOU WILL BE STRIPPED OF YOUR NAVIGATION RIGHTS!!
IT'S NO USE!! HE'S ACCELERATED!!
SFX: SWOOOOOOOSH!

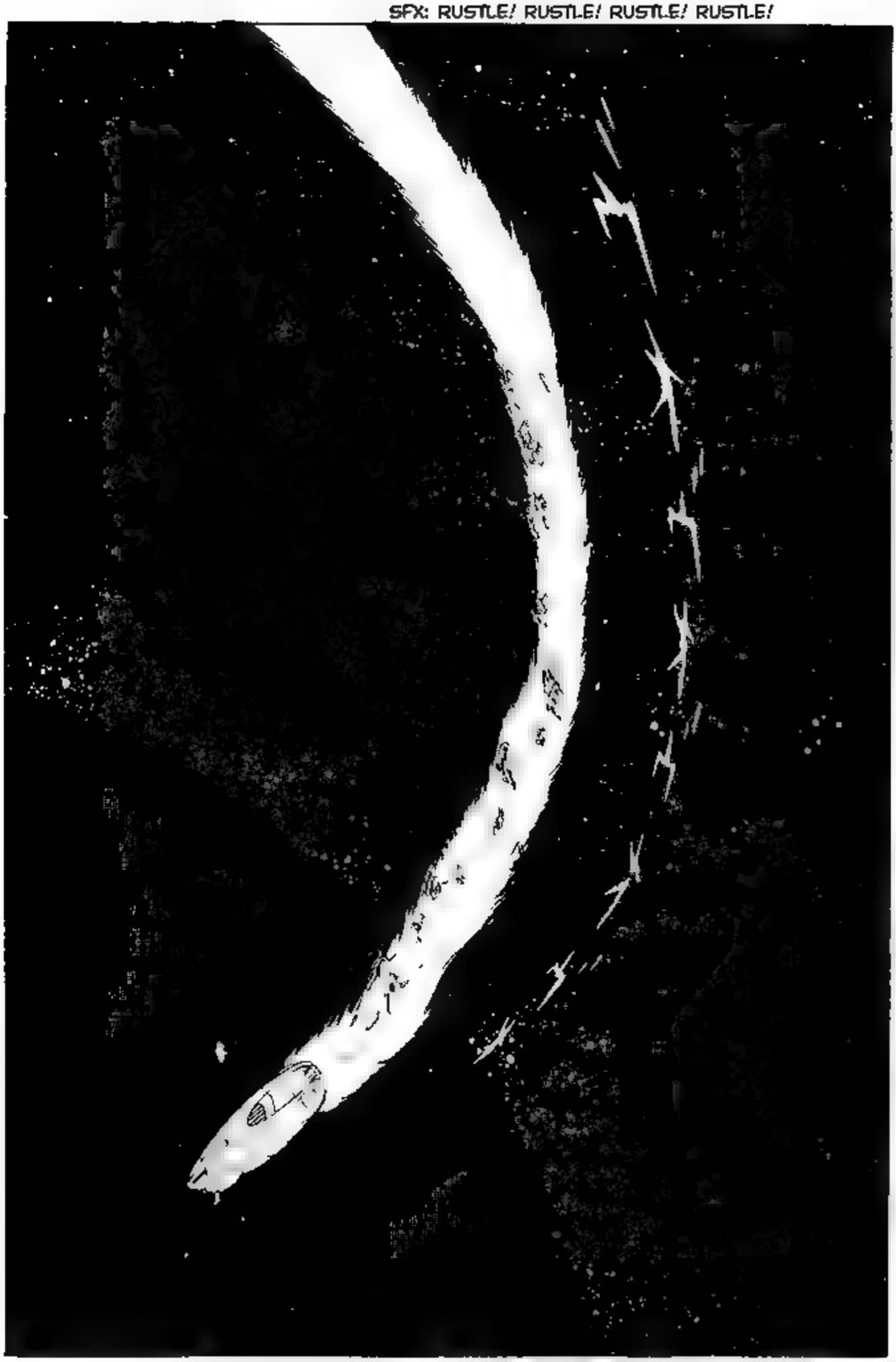

SFX: RUSTLE/ RUSTLE/ RUSTLE/ RUSTLE/
THAT SHIP IS ABNORMAL!! IT'S SCATTERING FRAGMENTS OF ITSELF!!


SFX:
RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
I'M NOT RUNNING BECAUSE I WANT TO! I JUST CAN'T STOP!!
SFX:
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
DAMN! THAT'S THE GRAVITY REACTION WARNING BELL!
I MUST BE CLOSE TO A PLANET!

SFX: RAR! RAR! RAR! RAR! RAR!

SFX: SWOOOOOOOSH!
TURN BACK! THAT IS THE PLANET ALLOSAURUS, WITHIN THE DICTATORATE OF THE BANDIT DEATH SKULL!! TRESPASSING MEANS YOUR DEATH! HURRY BACK!!

SFX: RUSTLE! RUSTLE! RUSTLE! RUSTLE!



THE FOOL!
TO THINK HE WOULD ENTER MY DOMINIONS!
THE NERVE OF SOME PEOPLE!
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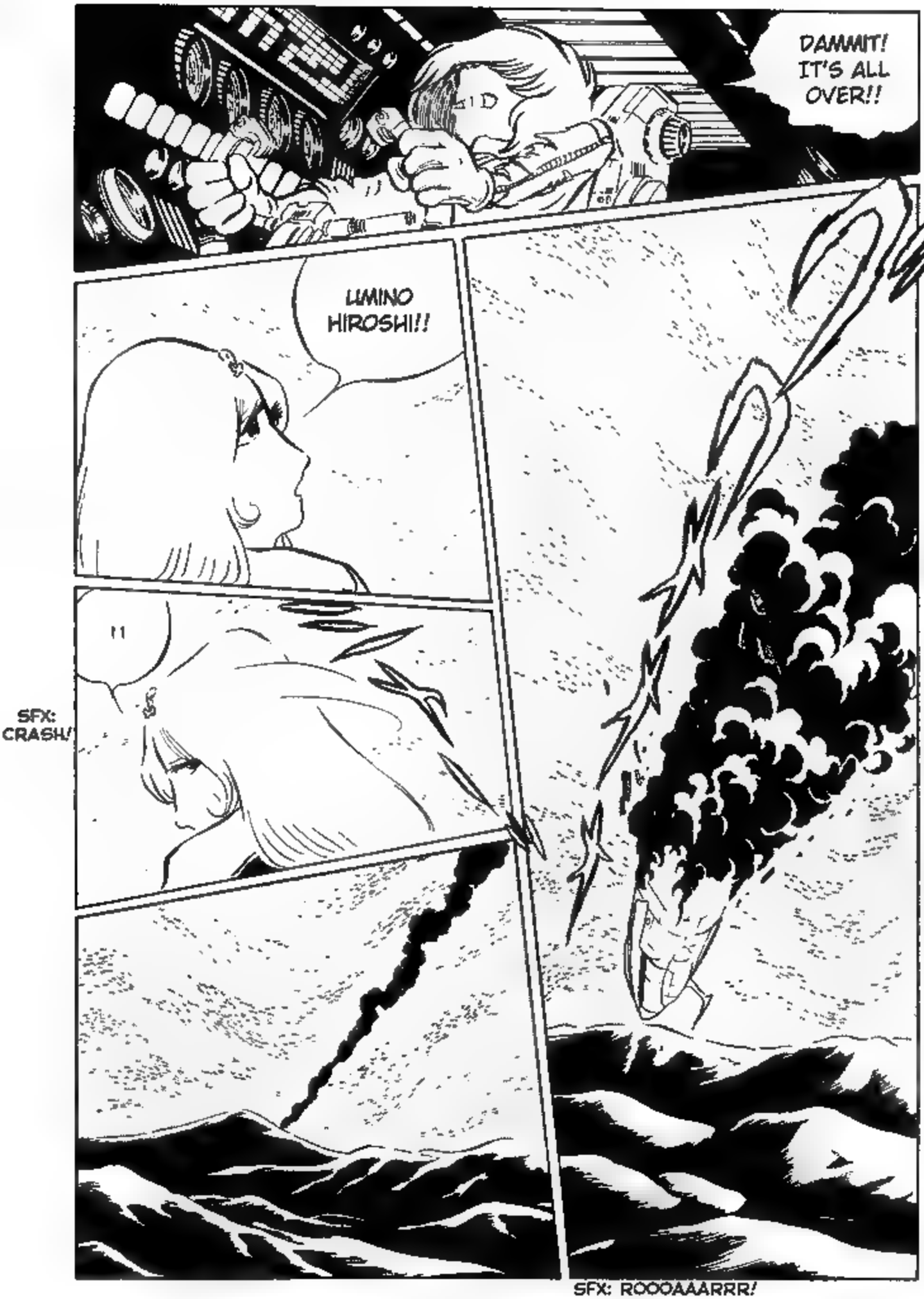
SFX: RMB/ RMB/ RMB/ RMB/ / KA-BOOOOOM/


DAMMIT! IT'S ALL OVER!!
LUMINO HIROSHI!!
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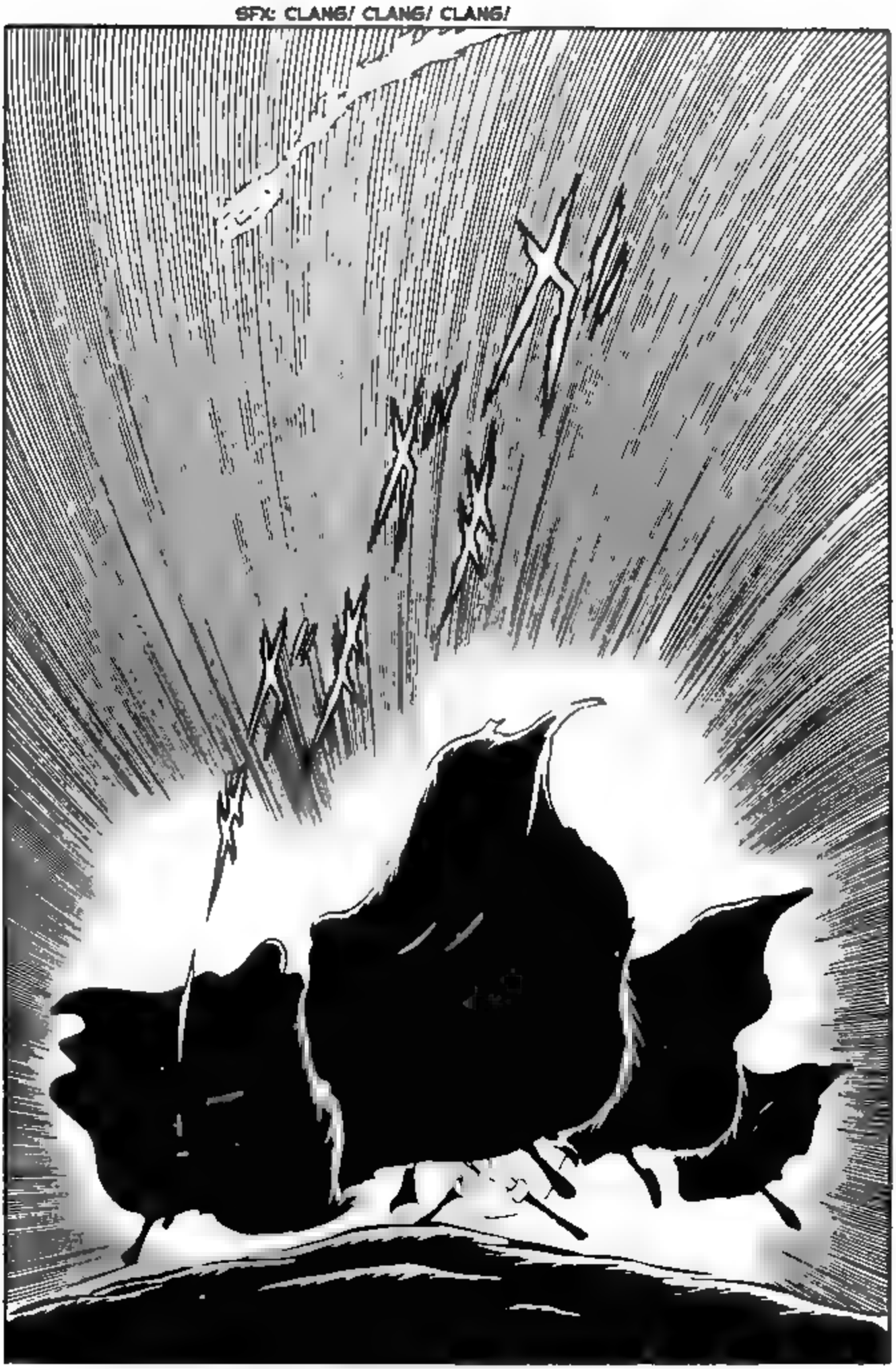
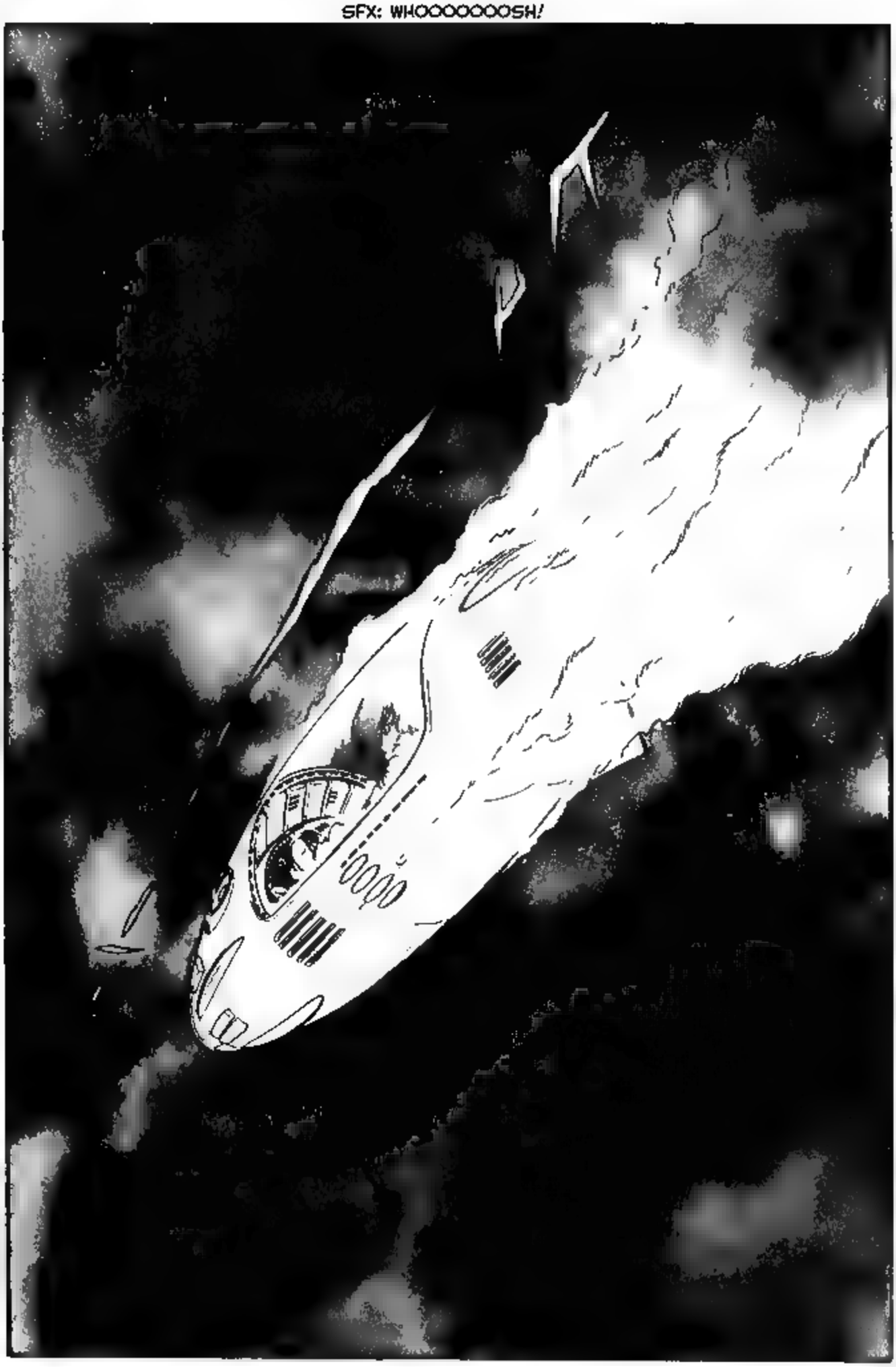
SFX: CRASH!
SFX: ROOOAAARRR!

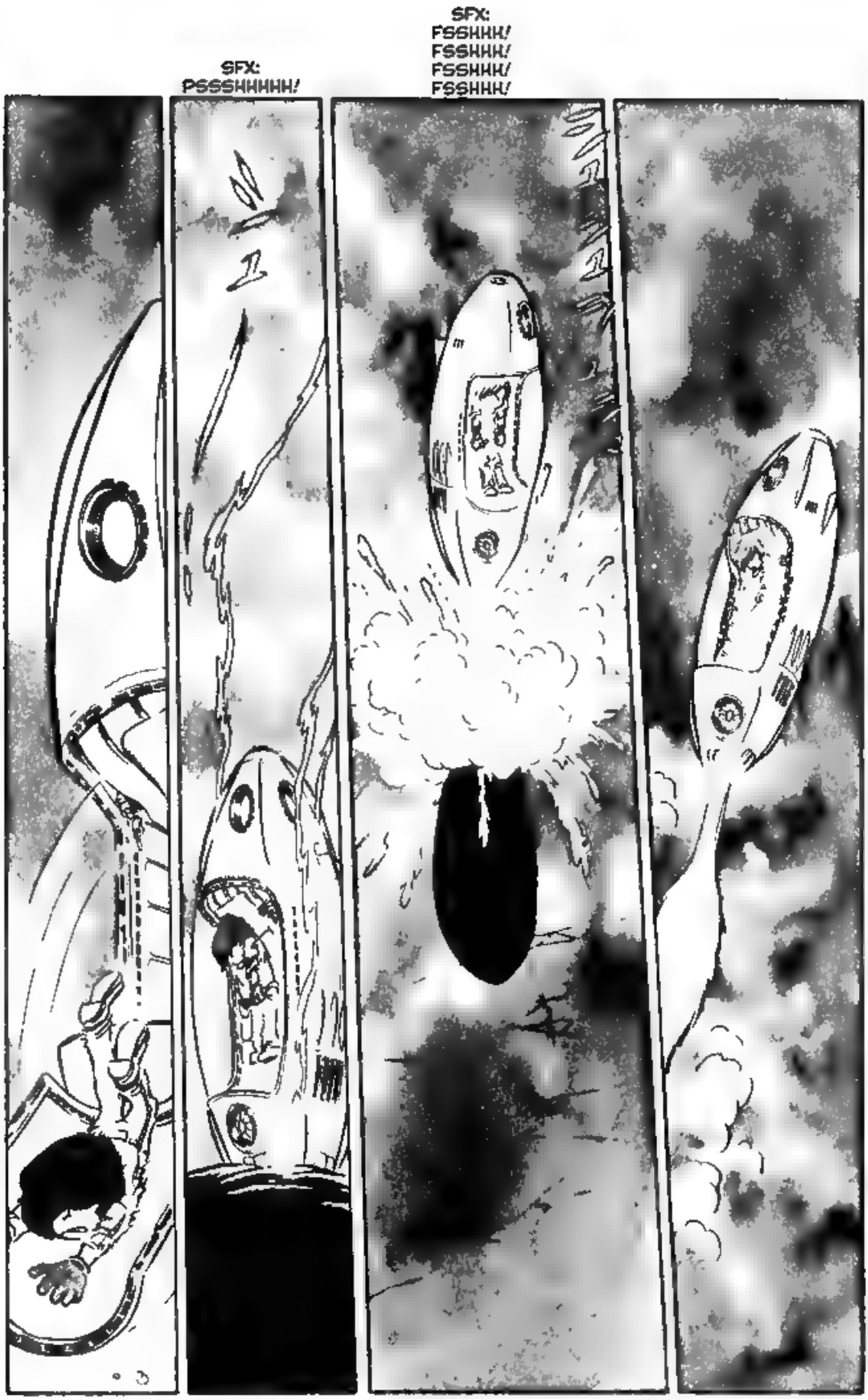
SFX: FWOOOOOOOOOOSH!


SFX: CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!

SFX: ROOOAAARRR!

SFX: WHOOOOOOOSH!




SFX:
PSSSHHHHH!
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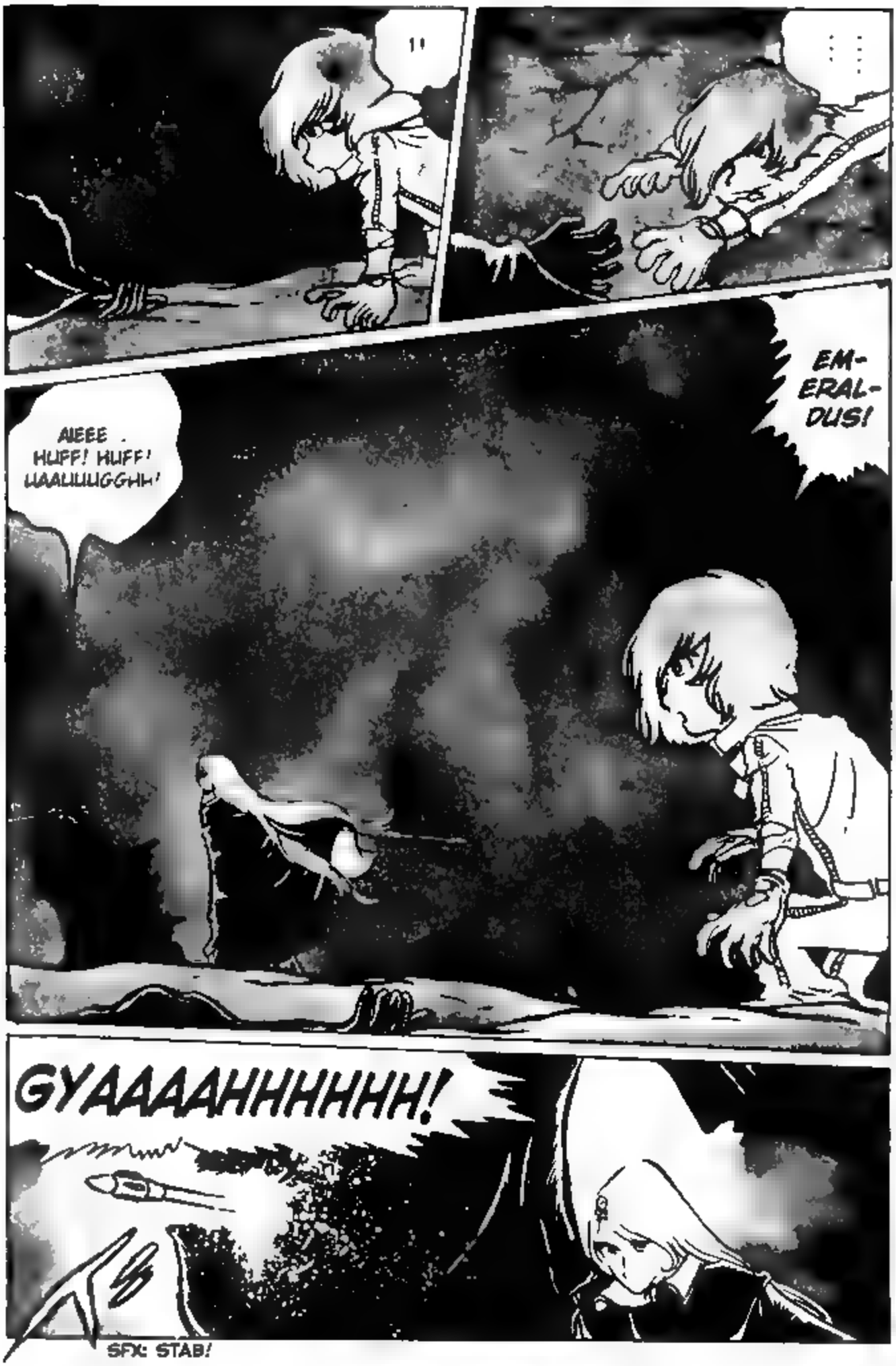
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EM-
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DUS!
AIEEE .
HUFF! HUFF!
UAALLLUGGHH!
GYAAAAHHHHHH!
SFX: STAB!

HAVE AT YOU, EMERALDUS!!
SFX: CLANG!
I LIKE THAT YOU CAN PUT UP A FIGHT, EMERALDUS! I WILL ENJOY KILLING YOU!!
SFX: CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!

SFX BEEP/ BEEP/ BEEP/ BEEP/ BEEP/ / BEEP/ BEEP
NOW FOR STARTERS, I WILL TURN YOUR SHIP TO ASH! HAVE A GOOD LOOK!

SFX: RMB/ RMB/ RMB/ RMB/ /
FSSHHH/ FSSHHH/ FSSHHH/
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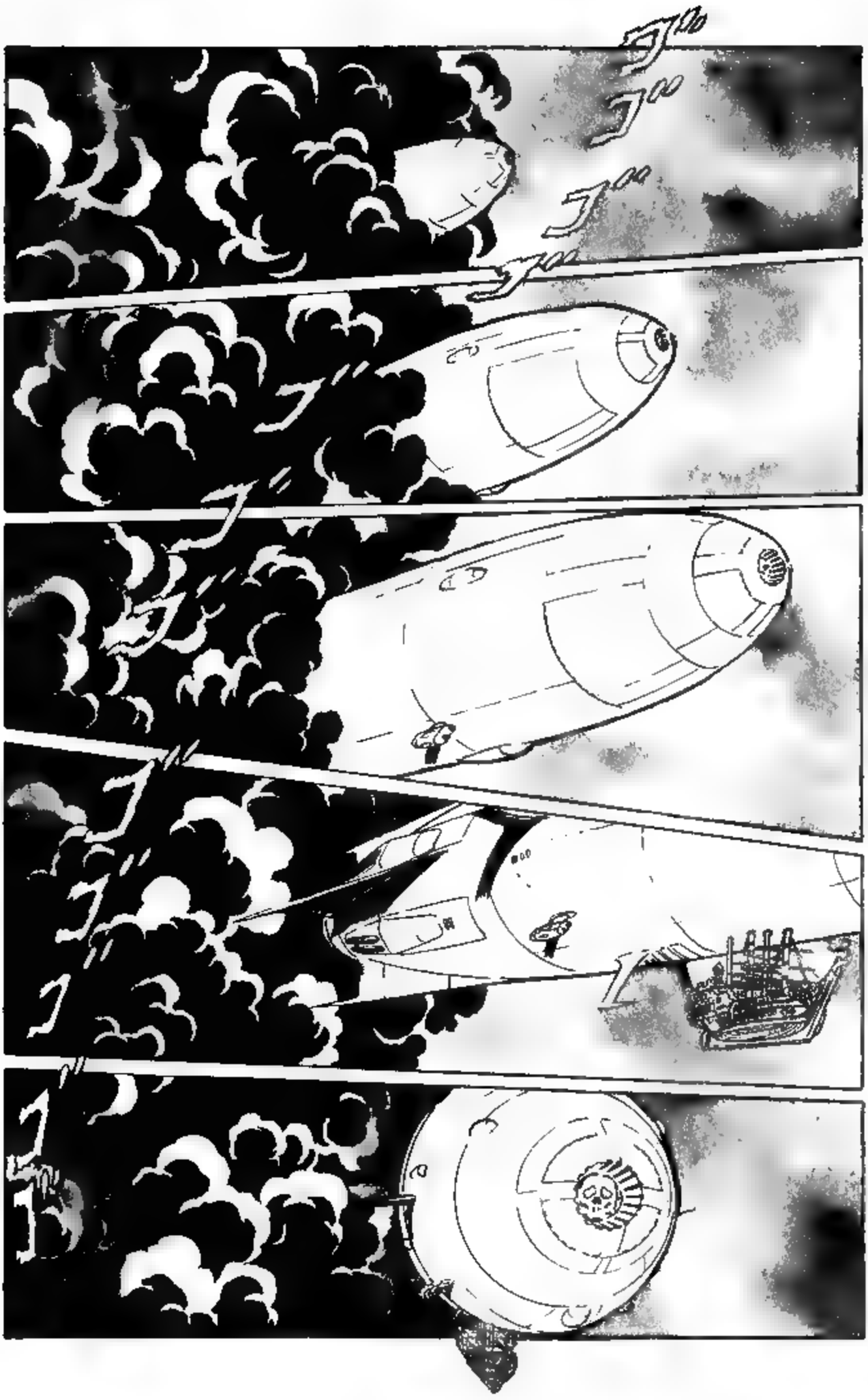
SFX: KA-BOOOOOOOM! / ROOOAAARRR!
NOW HAVE YOU GIVEN UP?
THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT DISPLAY, DEATH SKULL.

NO TELL-ING.
BUT I AM SURE THAT YOUR BLOOD RUNS BLACK.
I HAVE NEVER SHED A DROP OF BLOOD!
YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO SHED BLOOD, EMERALDUS!!
SFX: KA-BOOOOOOOM!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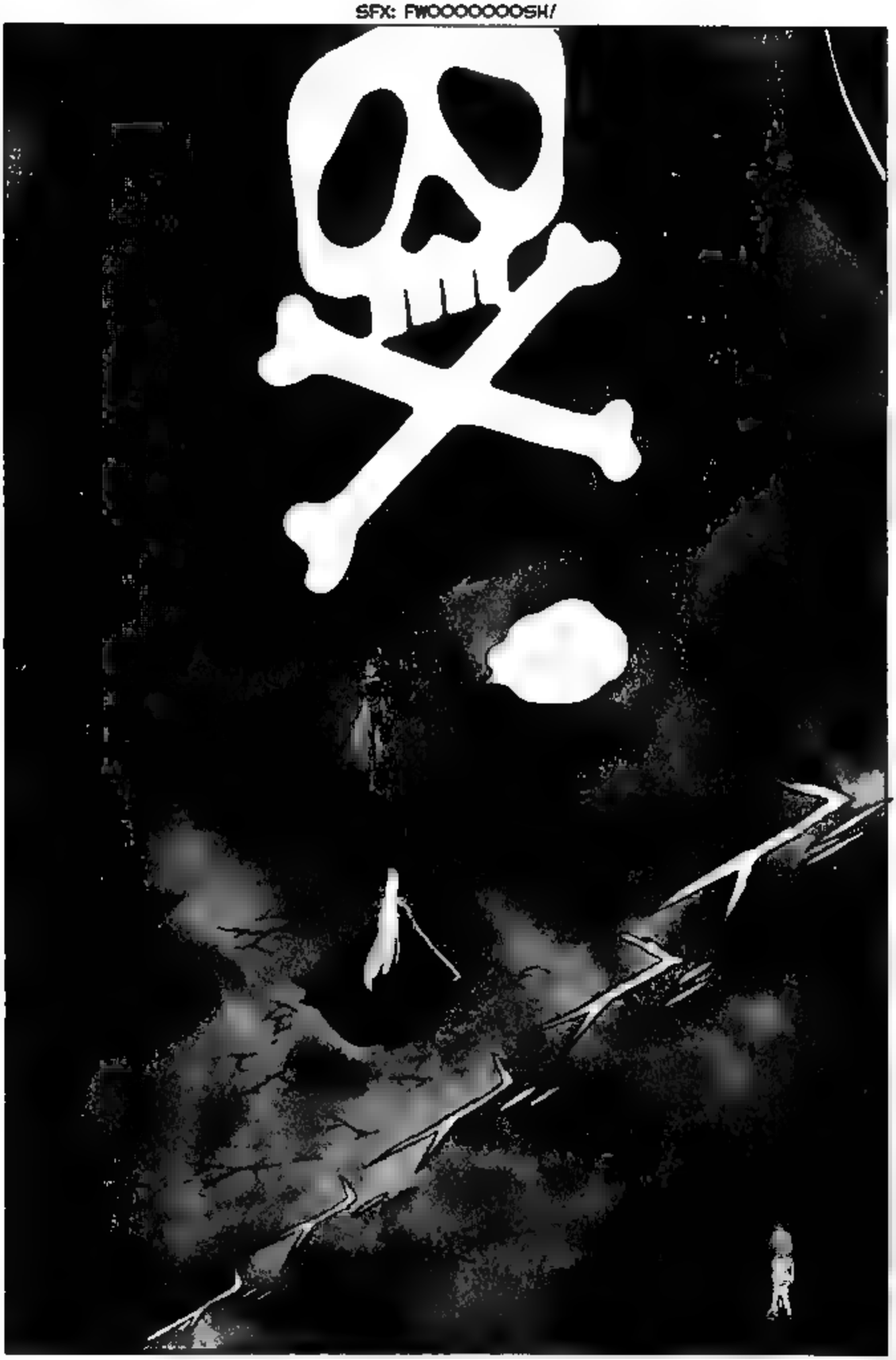
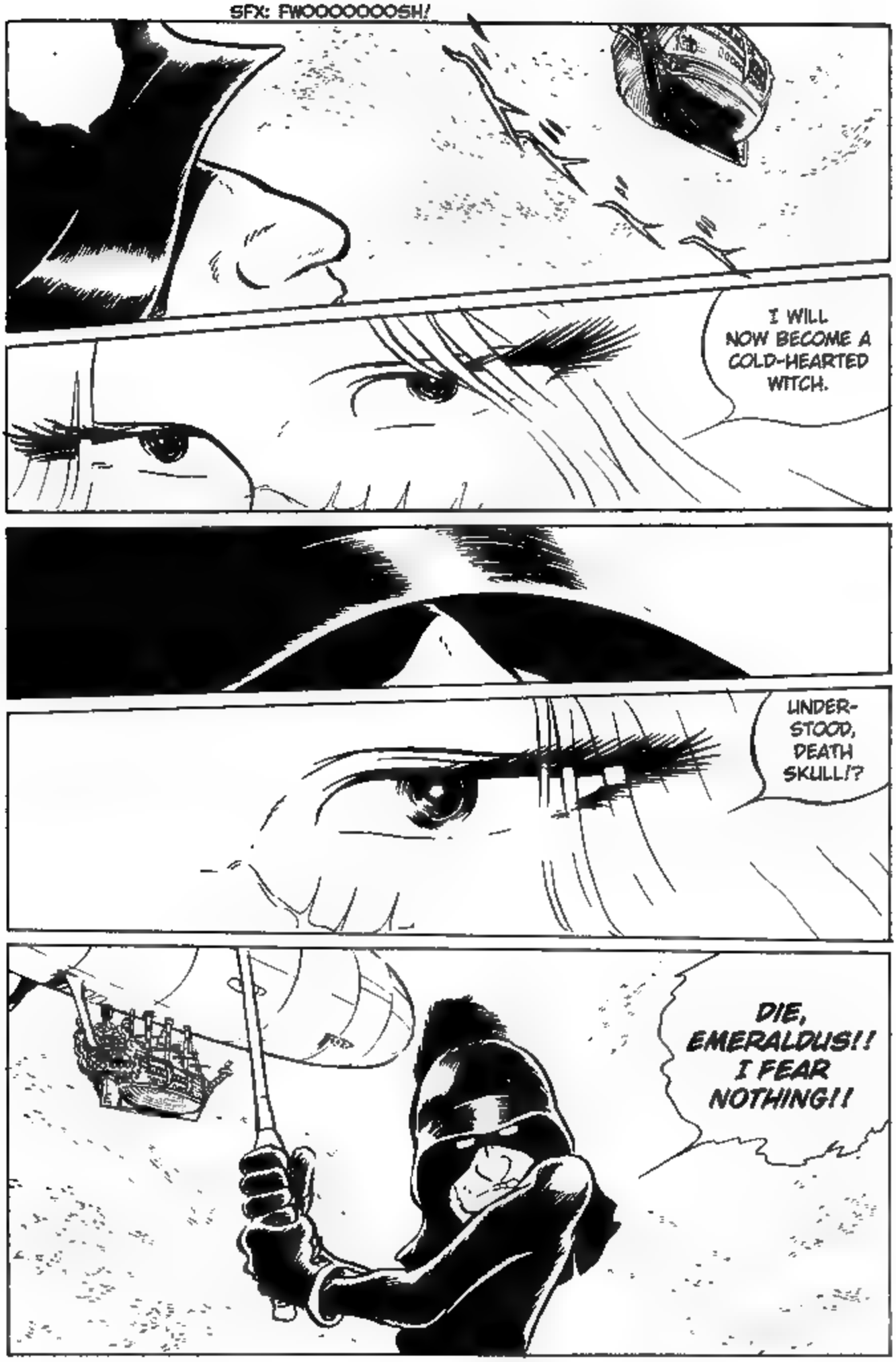
SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!
YOU CANNOT LAY A HAND ON MY SHIP, DEATH SKULL.
YOU CANNOT EVEN LAY A HAND ON ME.

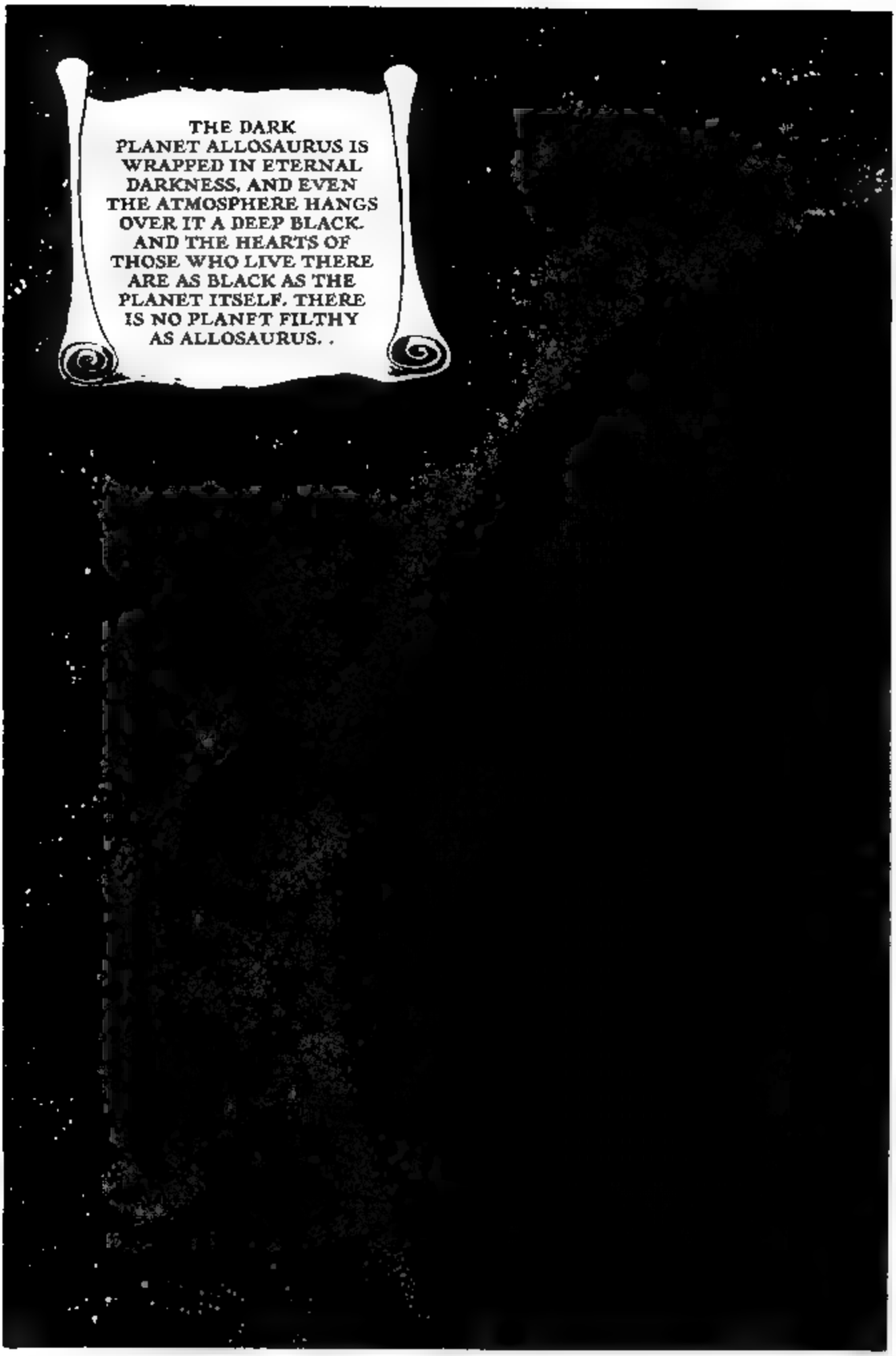
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!



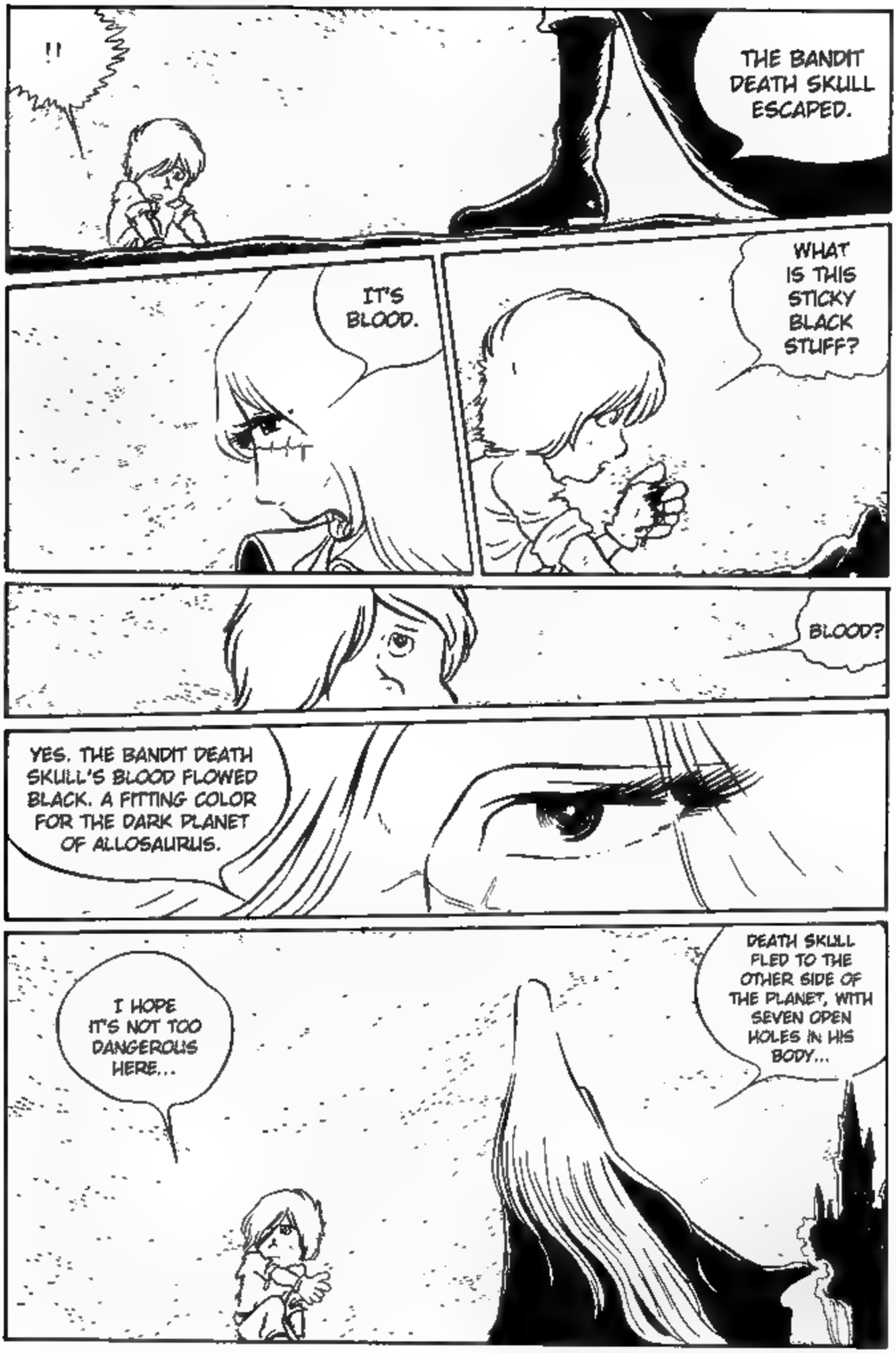

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!
I WILL NOW BECOME A COLD-HEARTED WITCH.
UNDER-STOOD, DEATH SKULL!?
DIE, EMERALDUS!! I FEAR NOTHING!!

REGRET MEANS NOTHING TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN POWER!!
YOU CANNOT HALT TIME, DEATH SKULL!! YOU KNOW THAT IT WILL BE TOO LATE FOR REGRETS AFTER YOU HAVE SHED BLOOD!

SFX: KA-BOOOOOOOM!
EMERALDUS!!


THE DARK PLANET ALLOSAURUS IS WRAPPED IN ETERNAL DARKNESS, AND EVEN THE ATMOSPHERE HANGS OVER IT A DEEP BLACK. AND THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO LIVE THERE ARE AS BLACK AS THE PLANET ITSELF. THERE IS NO PLANET FILTHY AS ALLOSAURUS. .

THANK GOODNESS YOU MANAGED TO LAND SAFELY, LUMINO.
DID HE... JUST GET BLOWN AWAY?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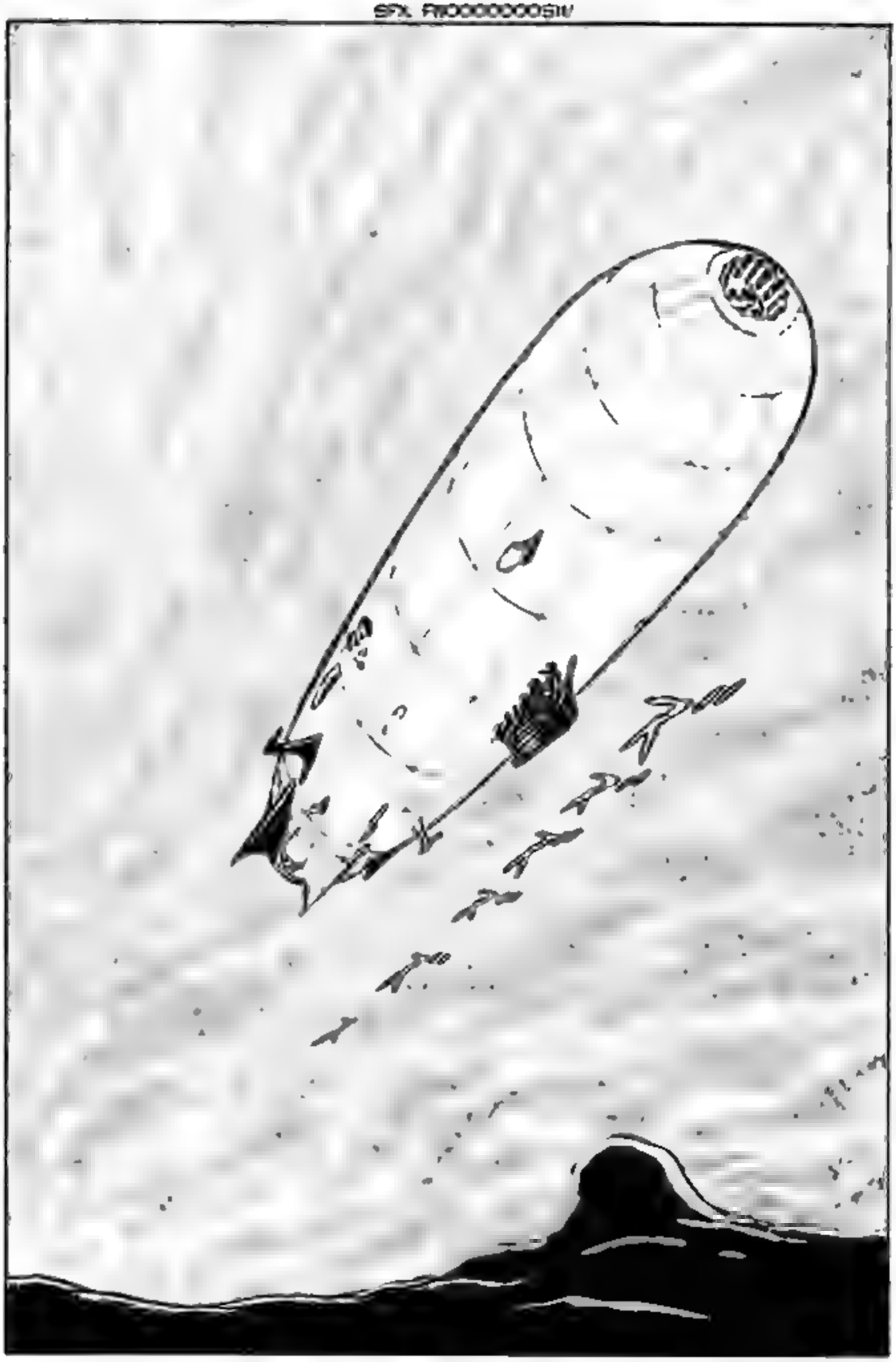
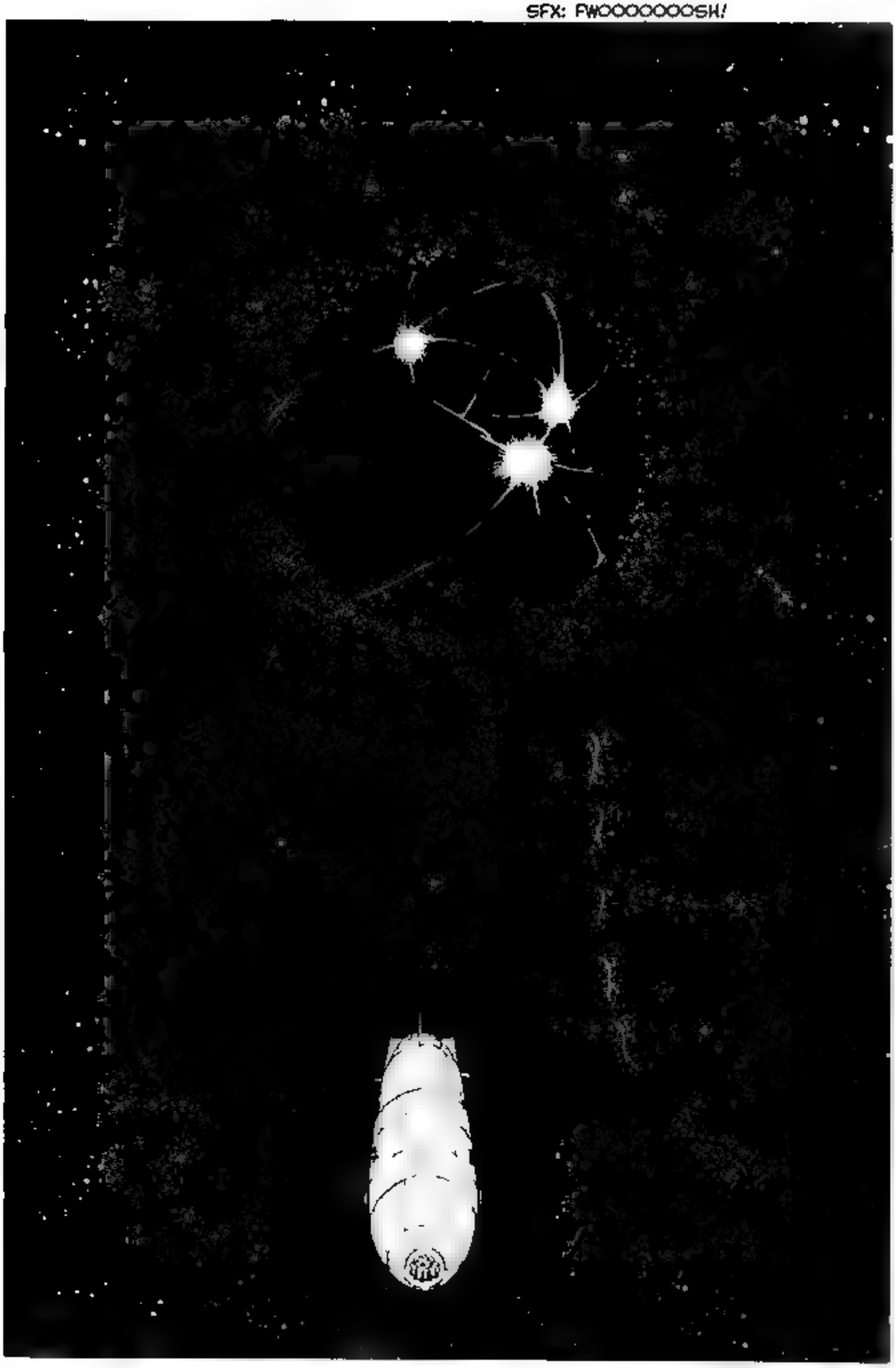
THE BANDIT DEATH SKULL ESCAPED.
WHAT IS THIS STICKY BLACK STUFF?
IT'S BLOOD.
BLOOD?
YES. THE BANDIT DEATH SKULL'S BLOOD FLOWED BLACK. A FITTING COLOR FOR THE DARK PLANET OF ALLOSAURUS.
DEATH SKULL FLED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET, WITH SEVEN OPEN HOLES IN HIS BODY...
I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO DANGEROUS HERE...

I LET DEATH SKULL BOARD MY SHIP AS PART OF MY PLAN TO INFILTRATE THIS PLANET WITH MY SHIP.
NO, THERE IS NO MORE DANGER HERE.
HUH?

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!
I NO LONGER HAVE ANY NEED OF THIS PLANET
THE QUEEN EMERALDUS HAS COME TO PICK US UP.



SFX: PHOOOOOOOOH!!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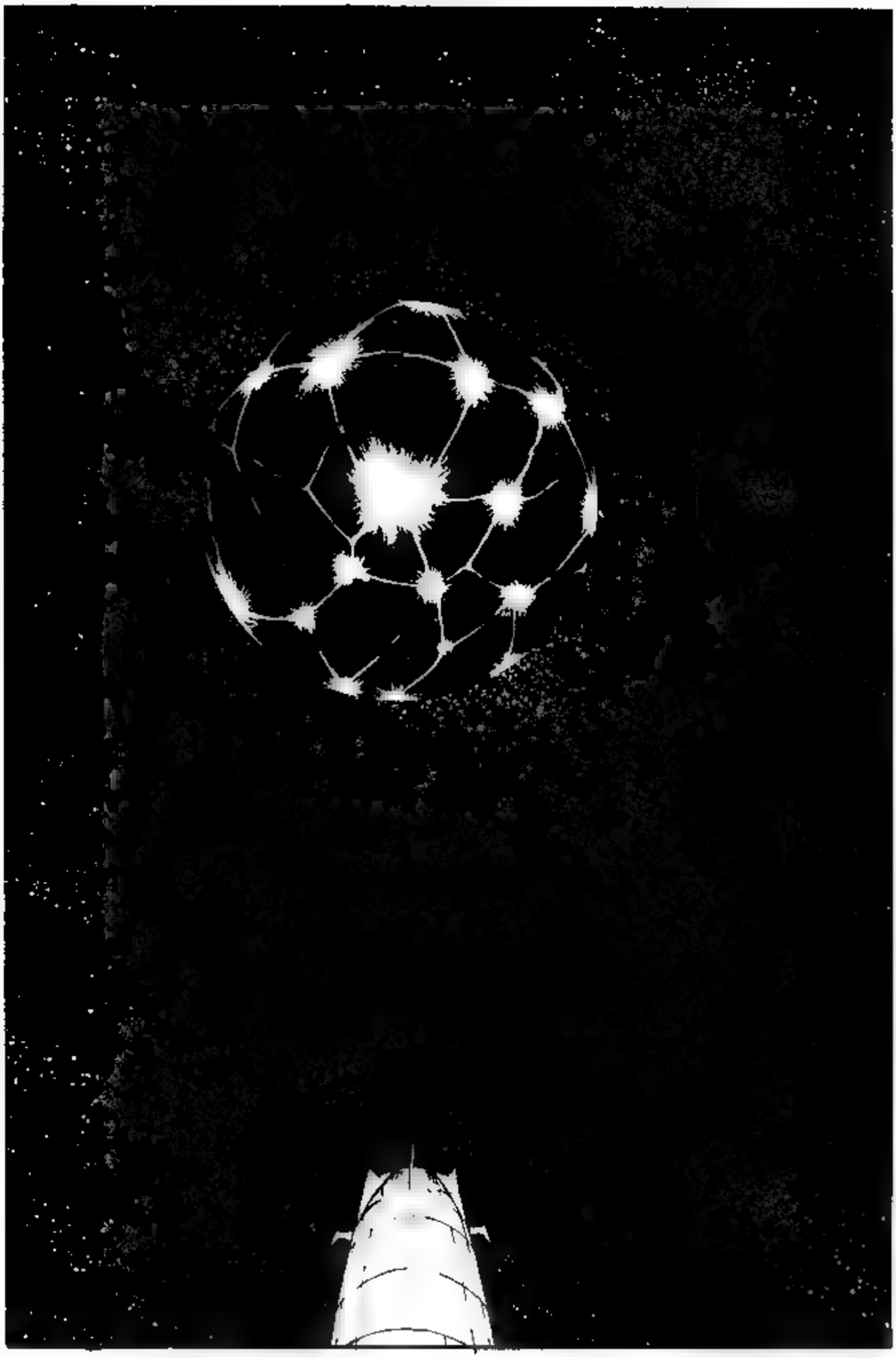
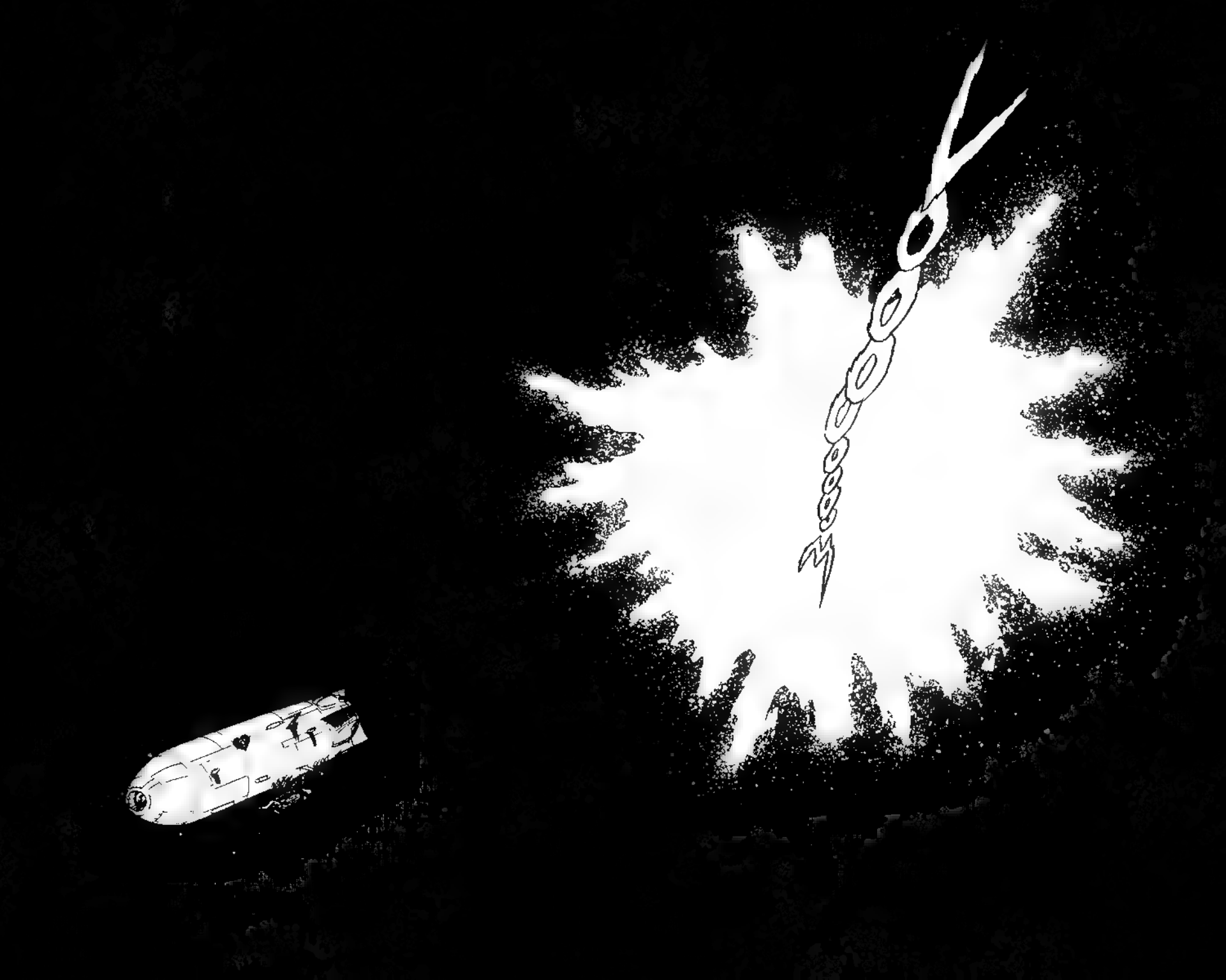
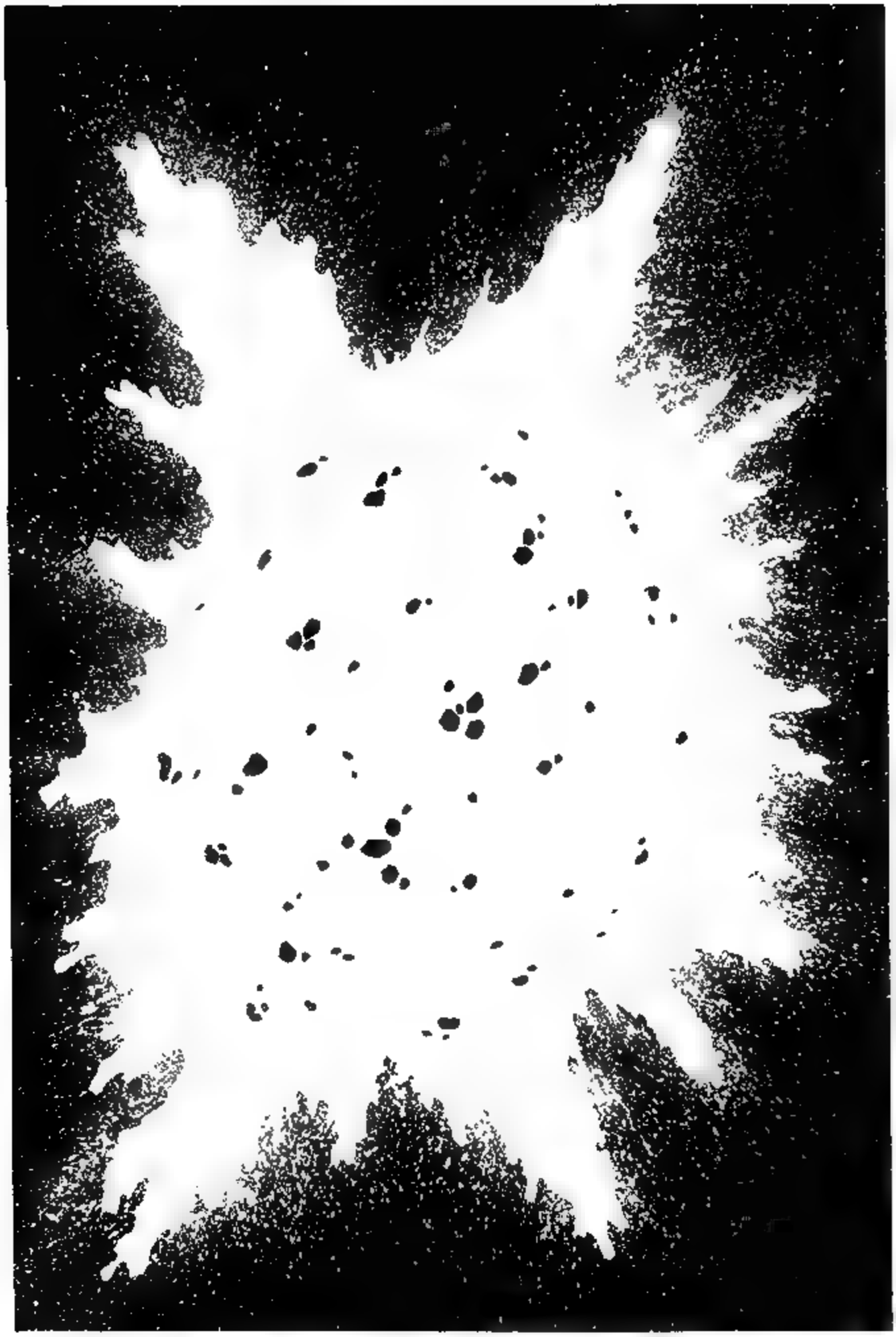
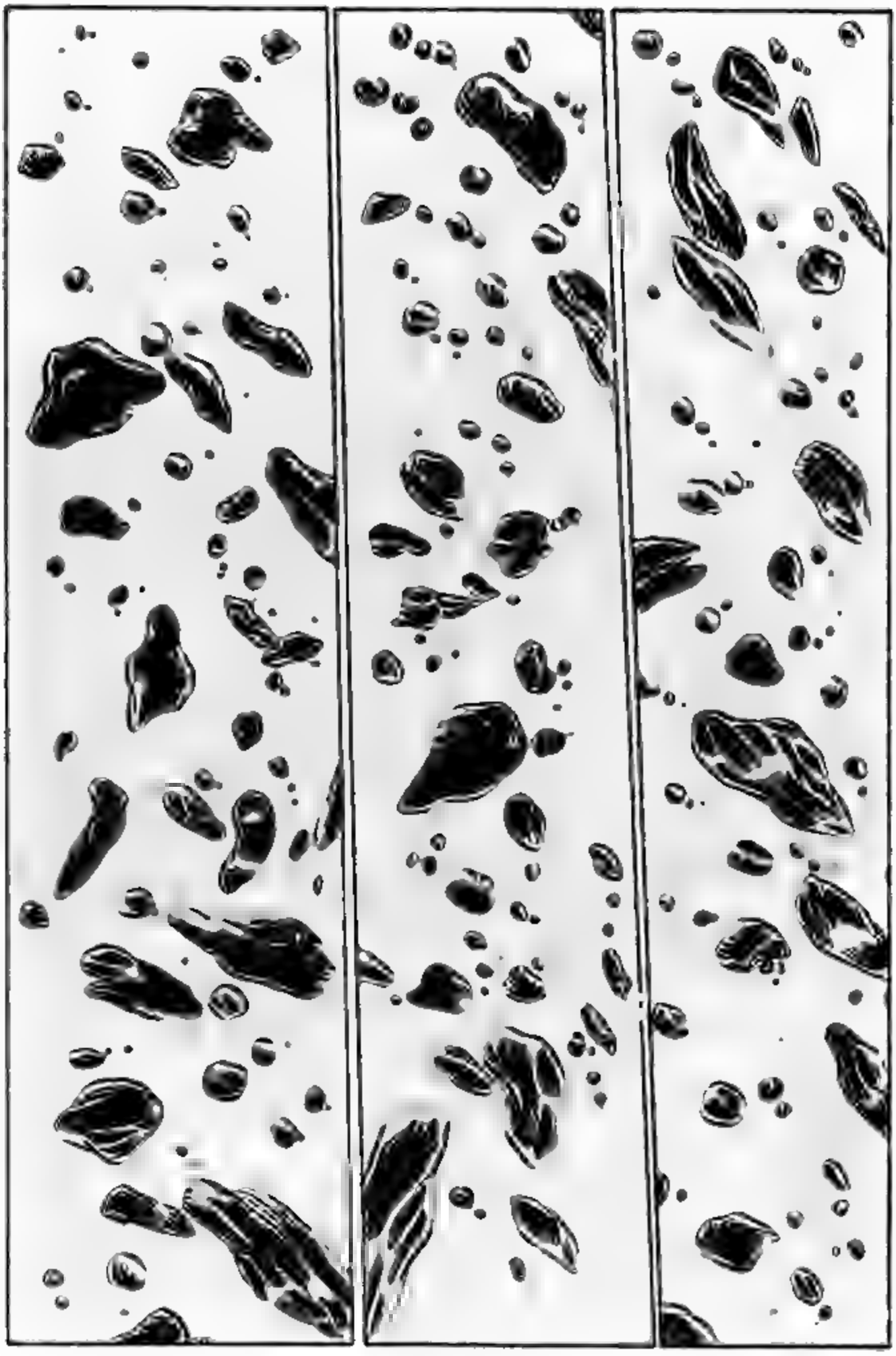
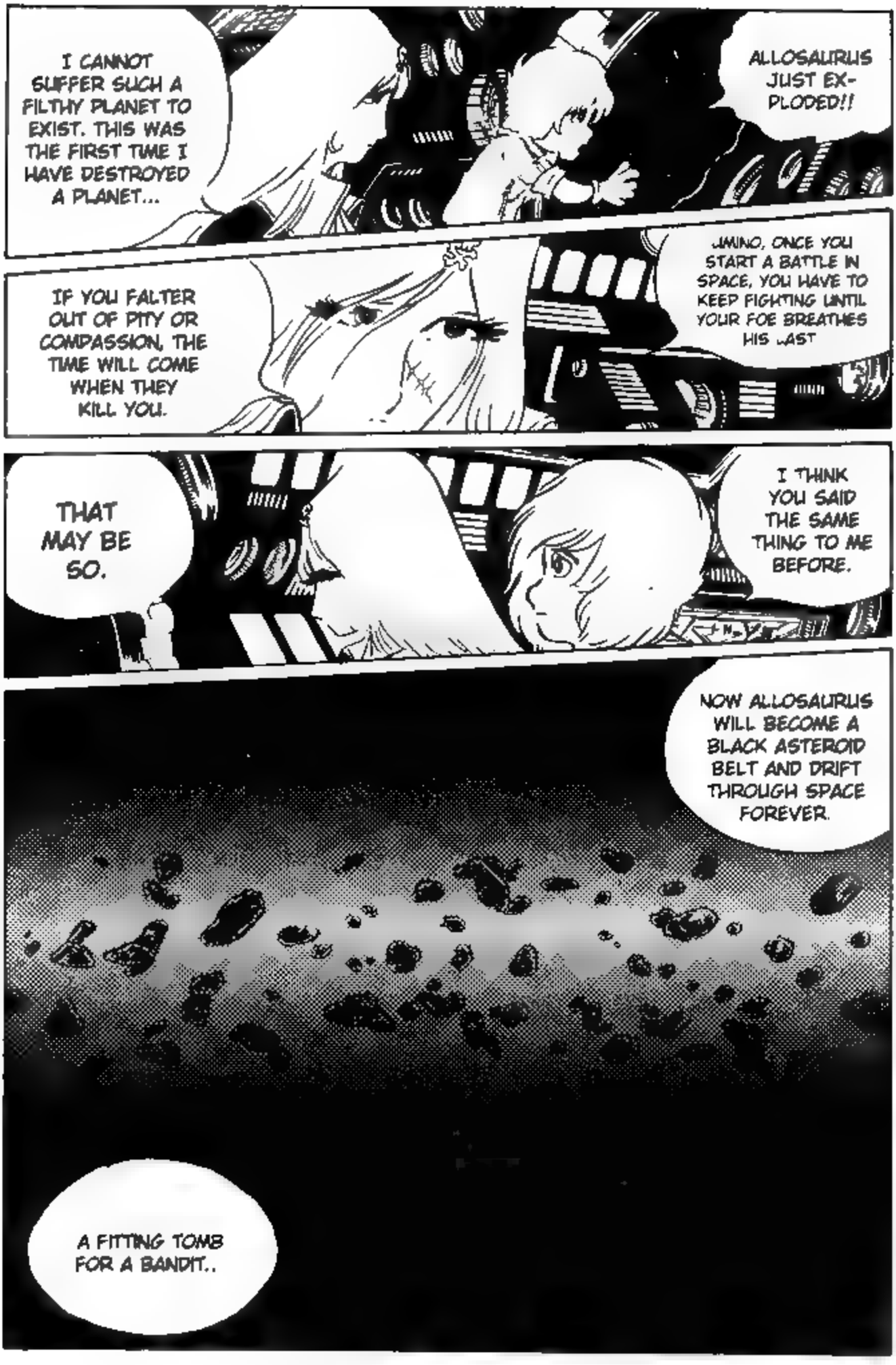
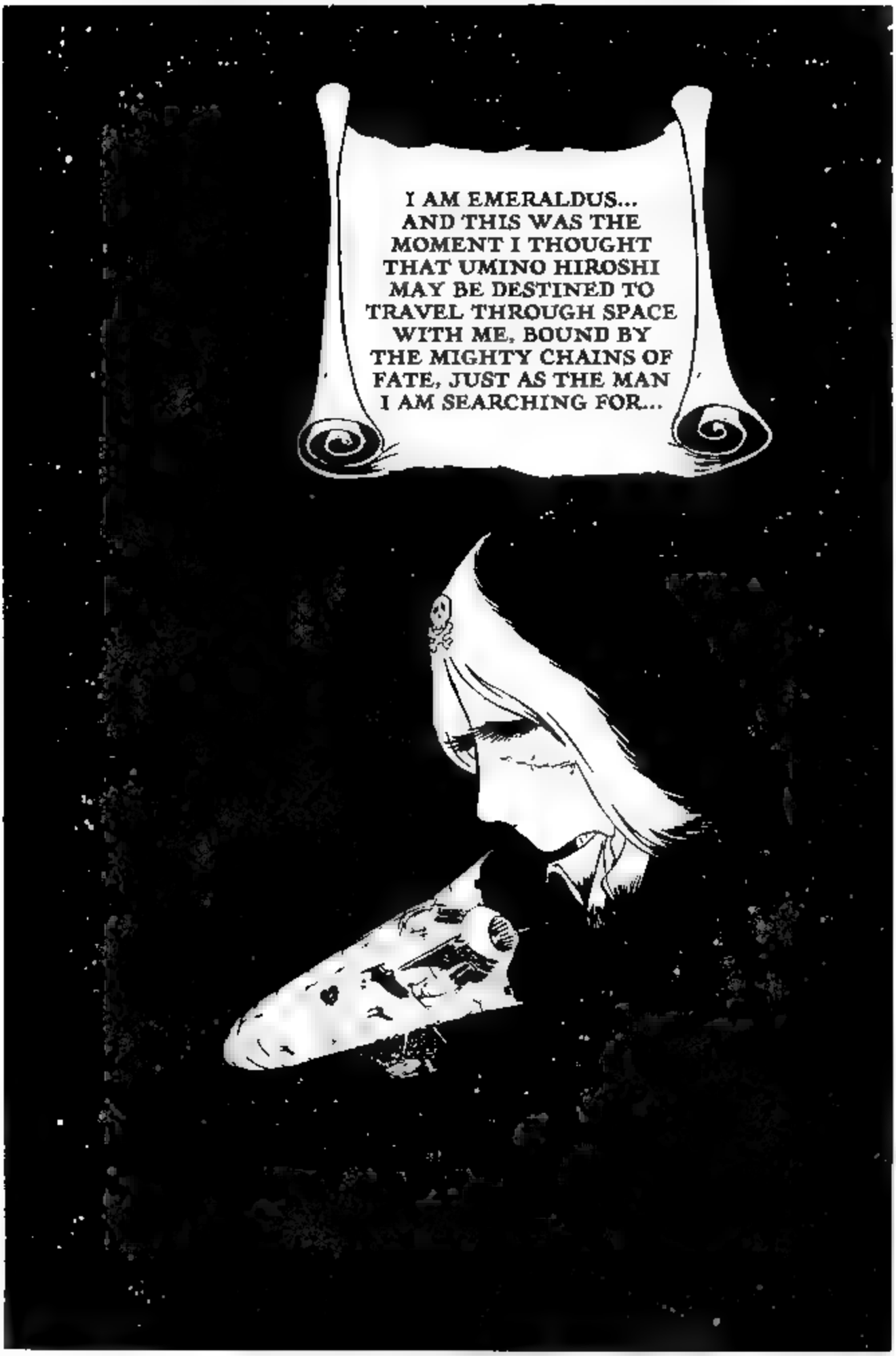




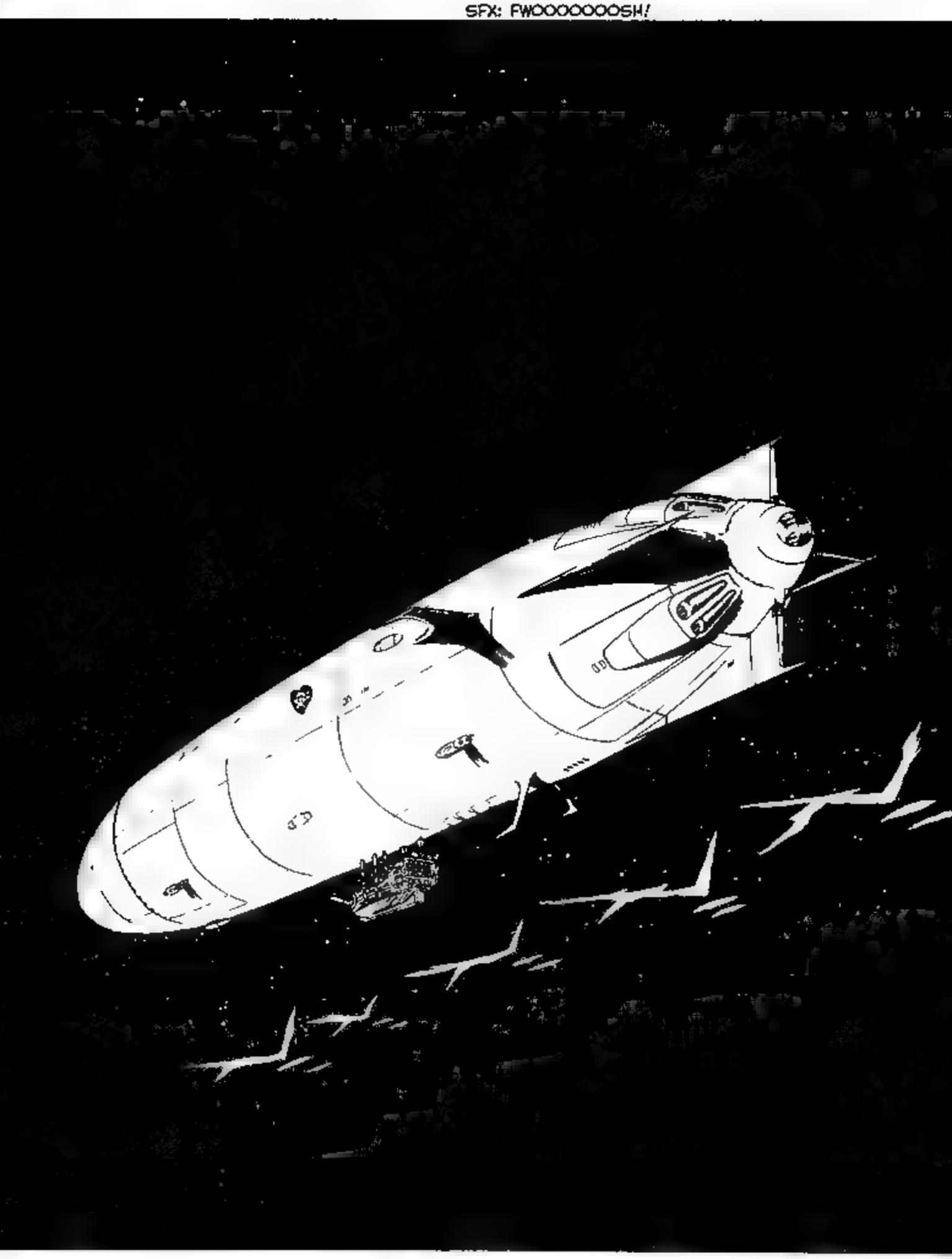


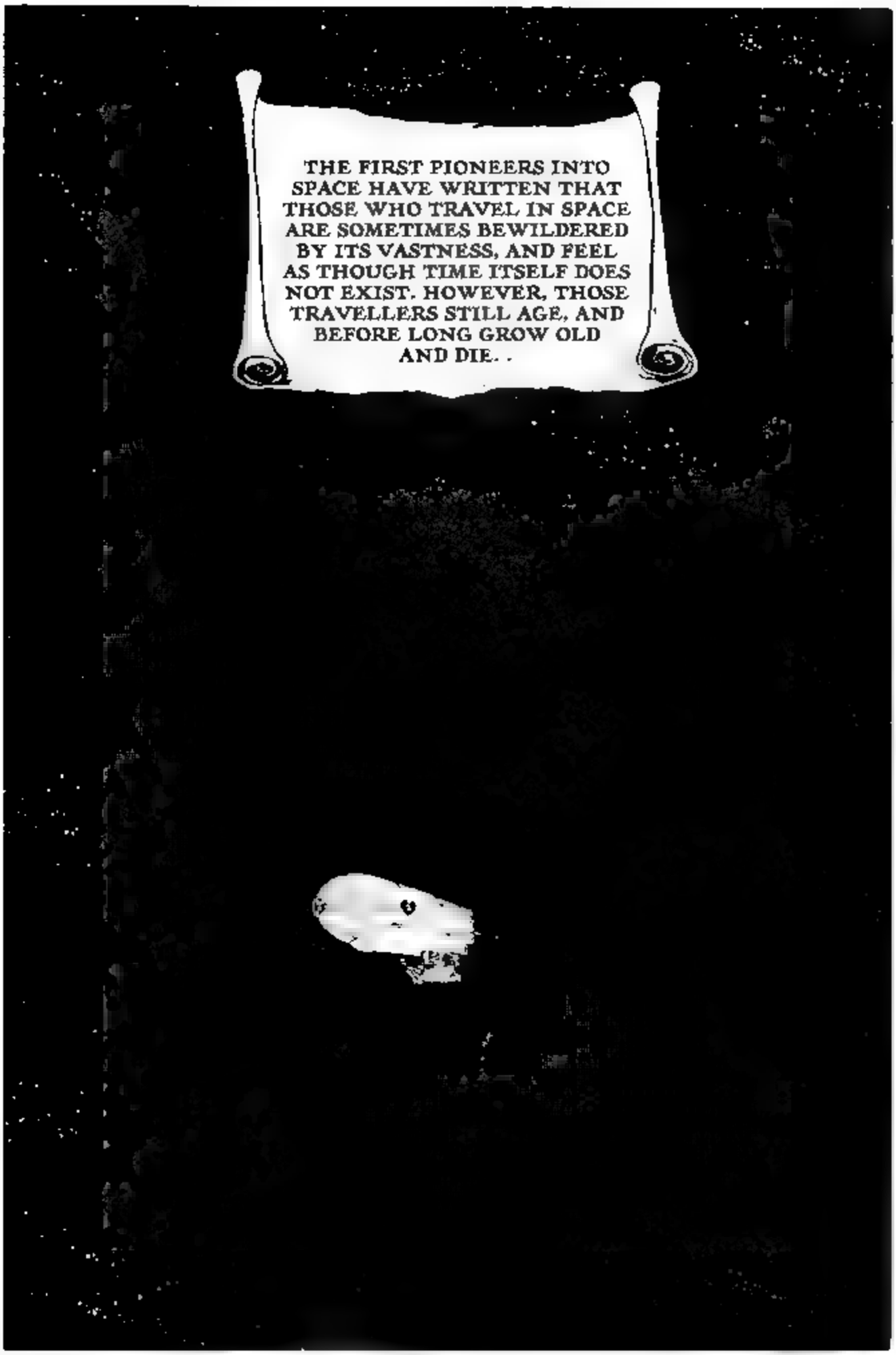



I CANNOT SUFFER SUCH A FILTHY PLANET TO EXIST. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE DESTROYED A PLANET...
ALLOSAURUS JUST EX-PLODED!!
IF YOU FALTER OUT OF PITY OR COMPASSION, THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY KILL YOU.
JIMINO, ONCE YOU START A BATTLE IN SPACE, YOU HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING UNTIL YOUR FOE BREATHES HIS LAST
THAT MAY BE SO.
I THINK YOU SAID THE SAME THING TO ME BEFORE.
NOW ALLOSAURUS WILL BECOME A BLACK ASTEROID BELT AND DRIFT THROUGH SPACE FOREVER.
A FITTING TOMB FOR A BANDIT..

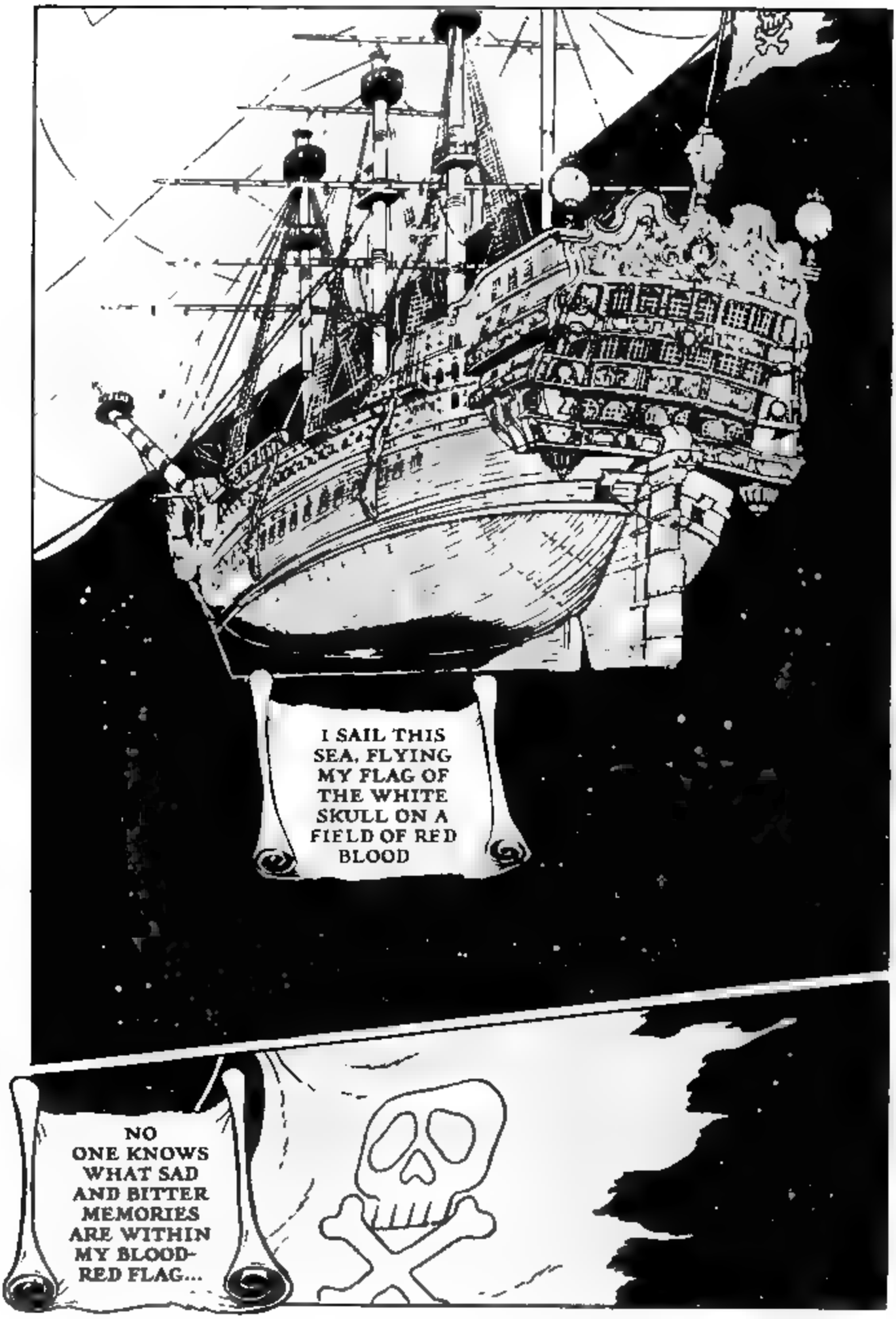

I AM EMERALDUS...
AND THIS WAS THE MOMENT I THOUGHT THAT UMINO HIROSHI MAY BE DESTINED TO TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE WITH ME, BOUND BY THE MIGHTY CHAINS OF FATE, JUST AS THE MAN I AM SEARCHING FOR...

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!



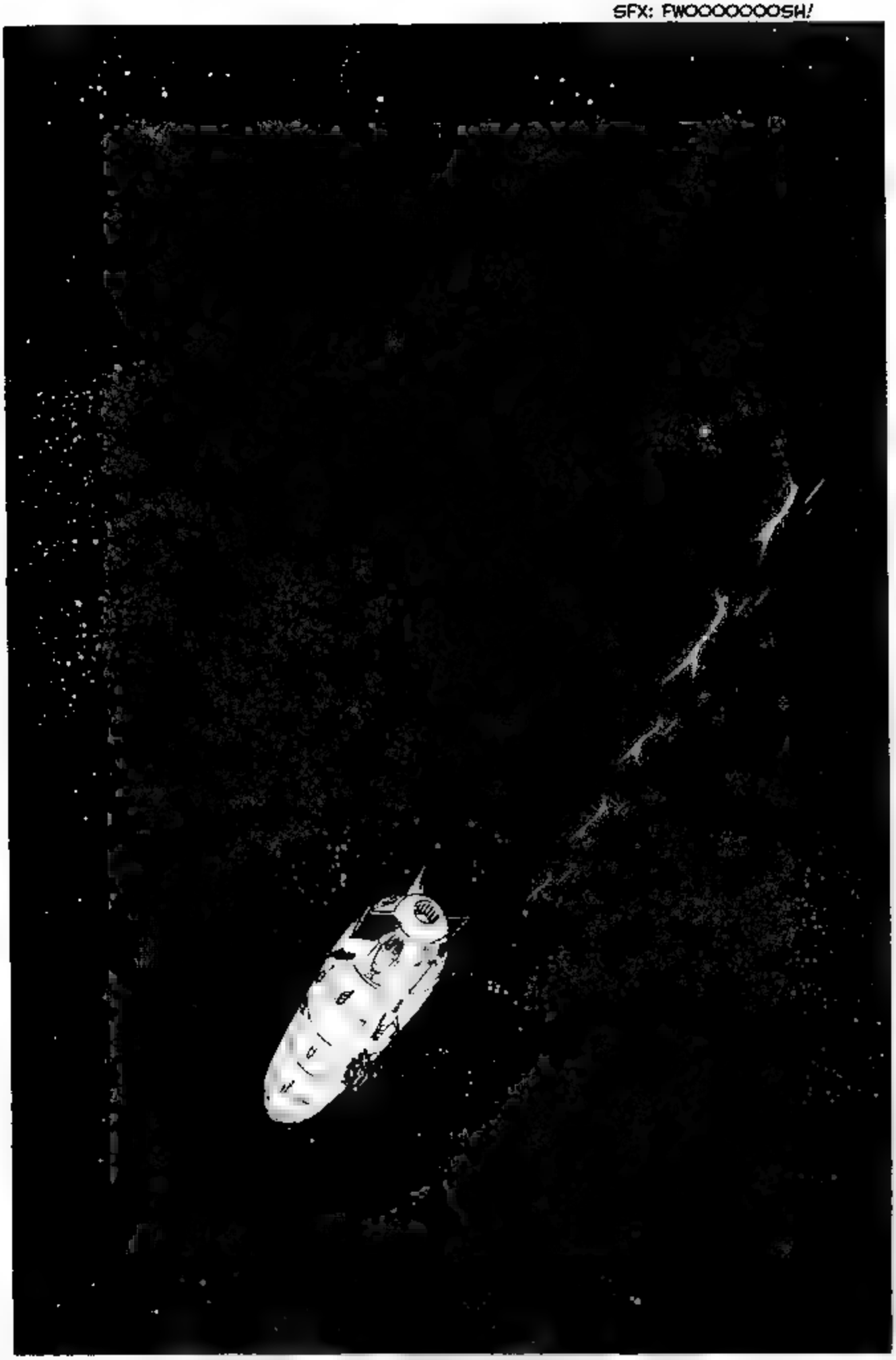

THE FIRST PIONEERS INTO SPACE HAVE WRITTEN THAT THOSE WHO TRAVEL IN SPACE ARE SOMETIMES BEWILDERED BY ITS VASTNESS, AND FEEL AS THOUGH TIME ITSELF DOES NOT EXIST. HOWEVER, THOSE TRAVELLERS STILL AGE, AND BEFORE LONG GROW OLD AND DIE. .

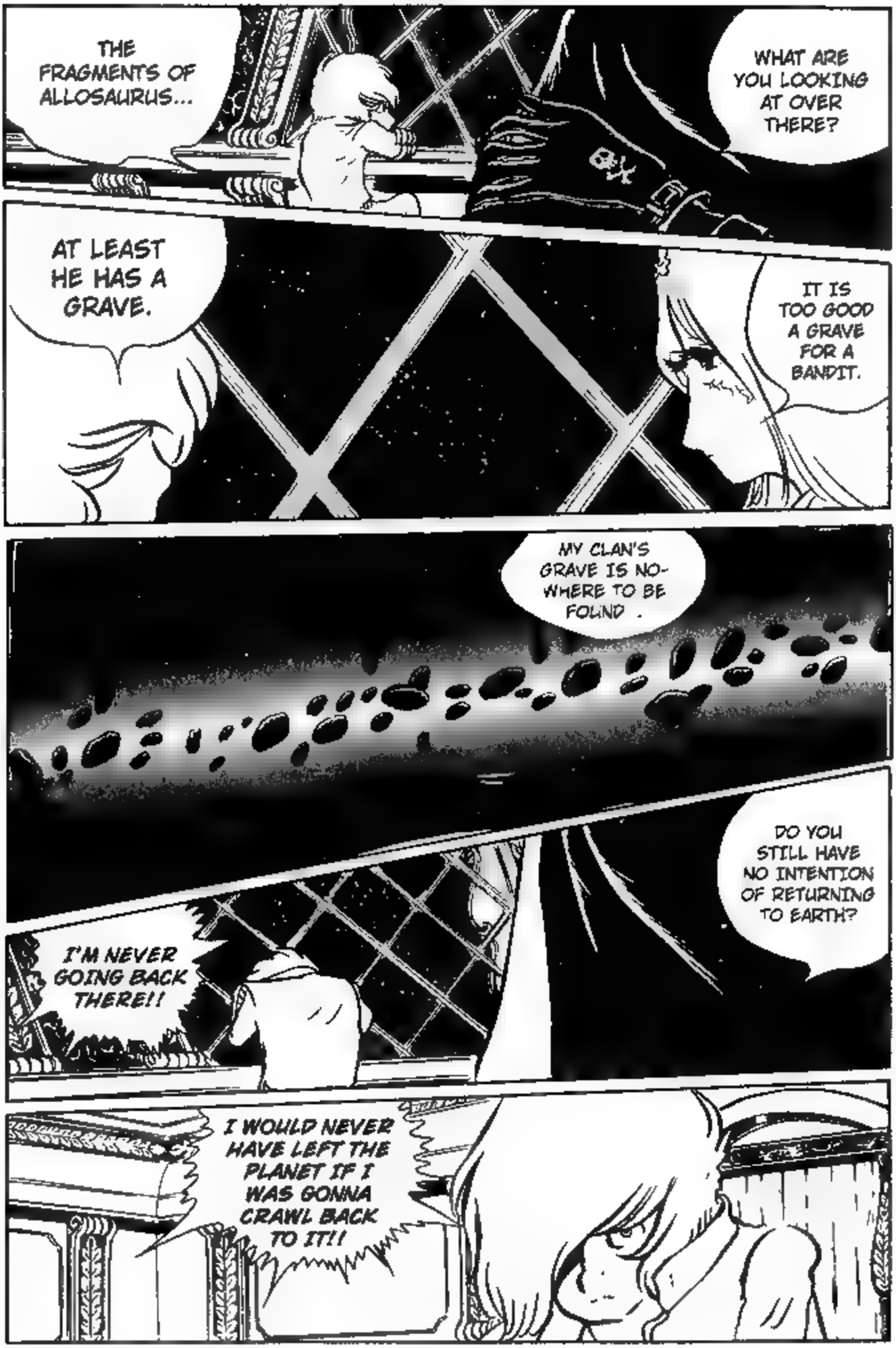
I AM EMERALDUS.
I AND MY SHIP, THE QUEEN EMERALDUS, WILL CONTINUE TO WANDER THIS SEA OF DARKNESS IN WHICH TIME ITSELF SEEMS TO STAND STILL, UNTIL THE FLAME OF MY LIFE GOES OUT.

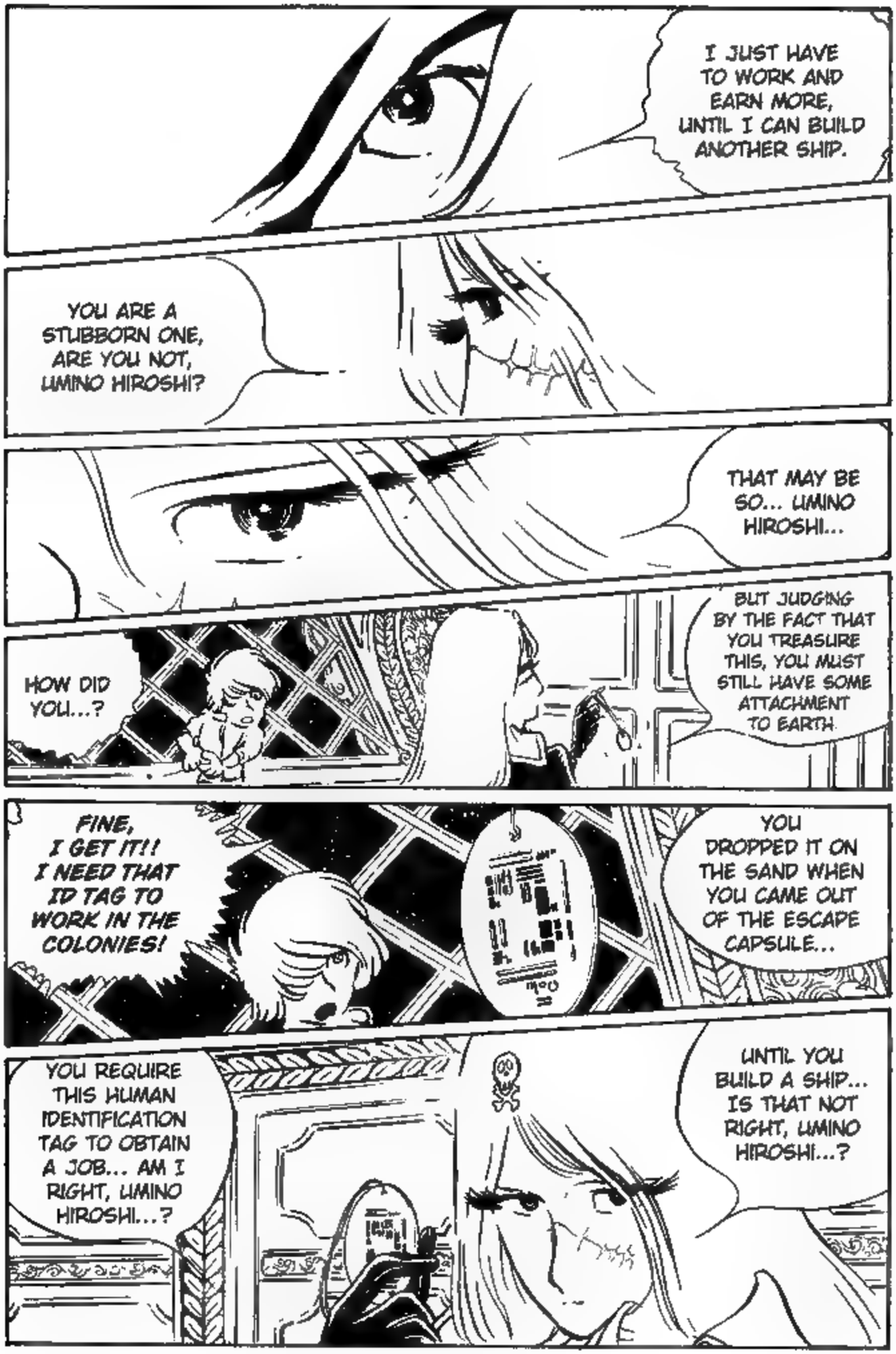

I SAIL THIS SEA, FLYING MY FLAG OF THE WHITE SKULL ON A FIELD OF RED BLOOD
NO ONE KNOWS WHAT SAD AND BITTER MEMORIES ARE WITHIN MY BLOOD-RED FLAG...

AS MY VOYAGE CONTINUES, THE FLAG IS TORN APART LITTLE BY LITTLE, BECOMING RED COSMIC DUST DRIFTING THROUGH SPACE

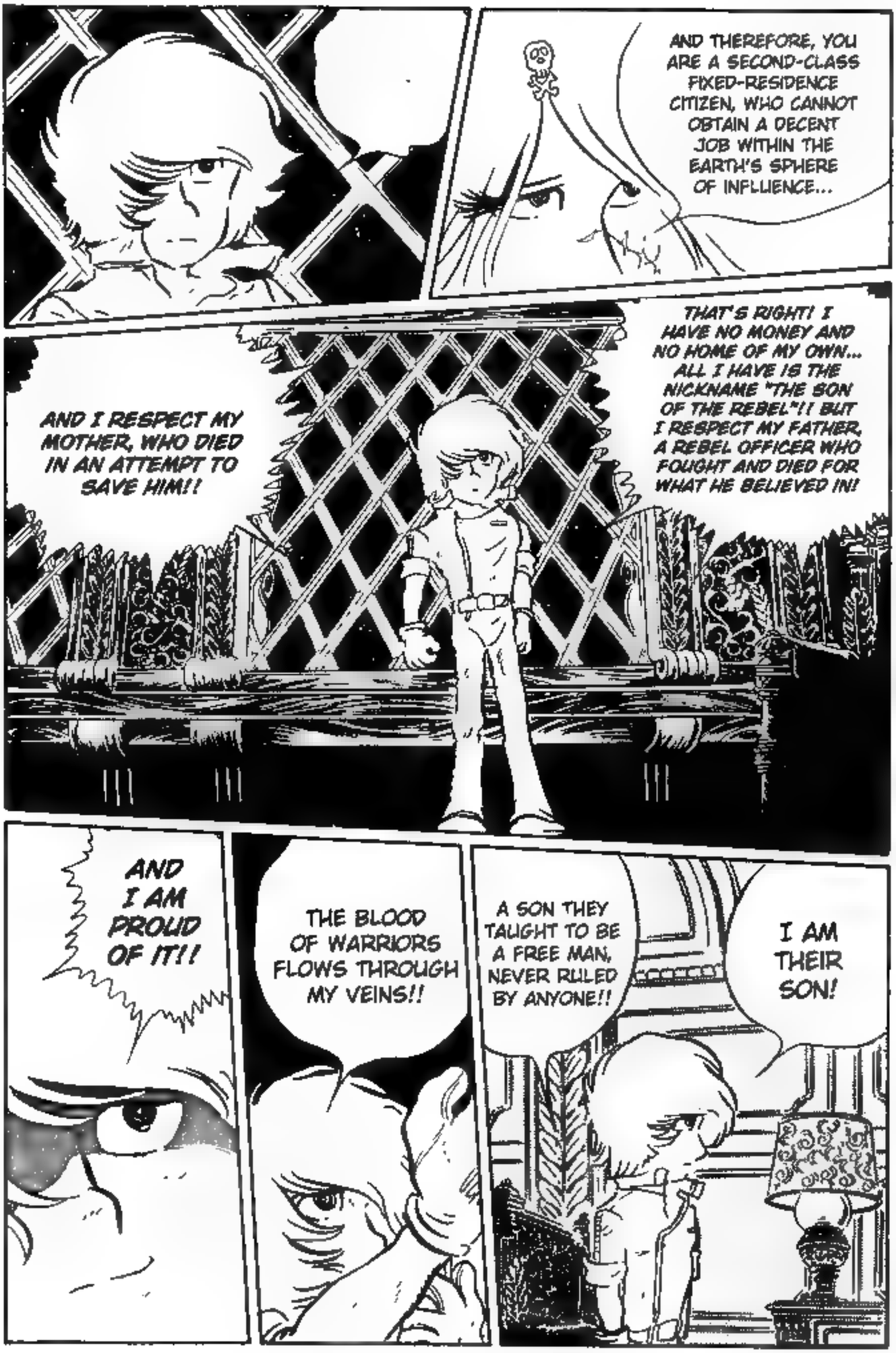
THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THE QUEEN EMERALDUS AND I WILL VANISH IN THIS BOUNDLESS SEA, JUST LIKE THAT FLAG.

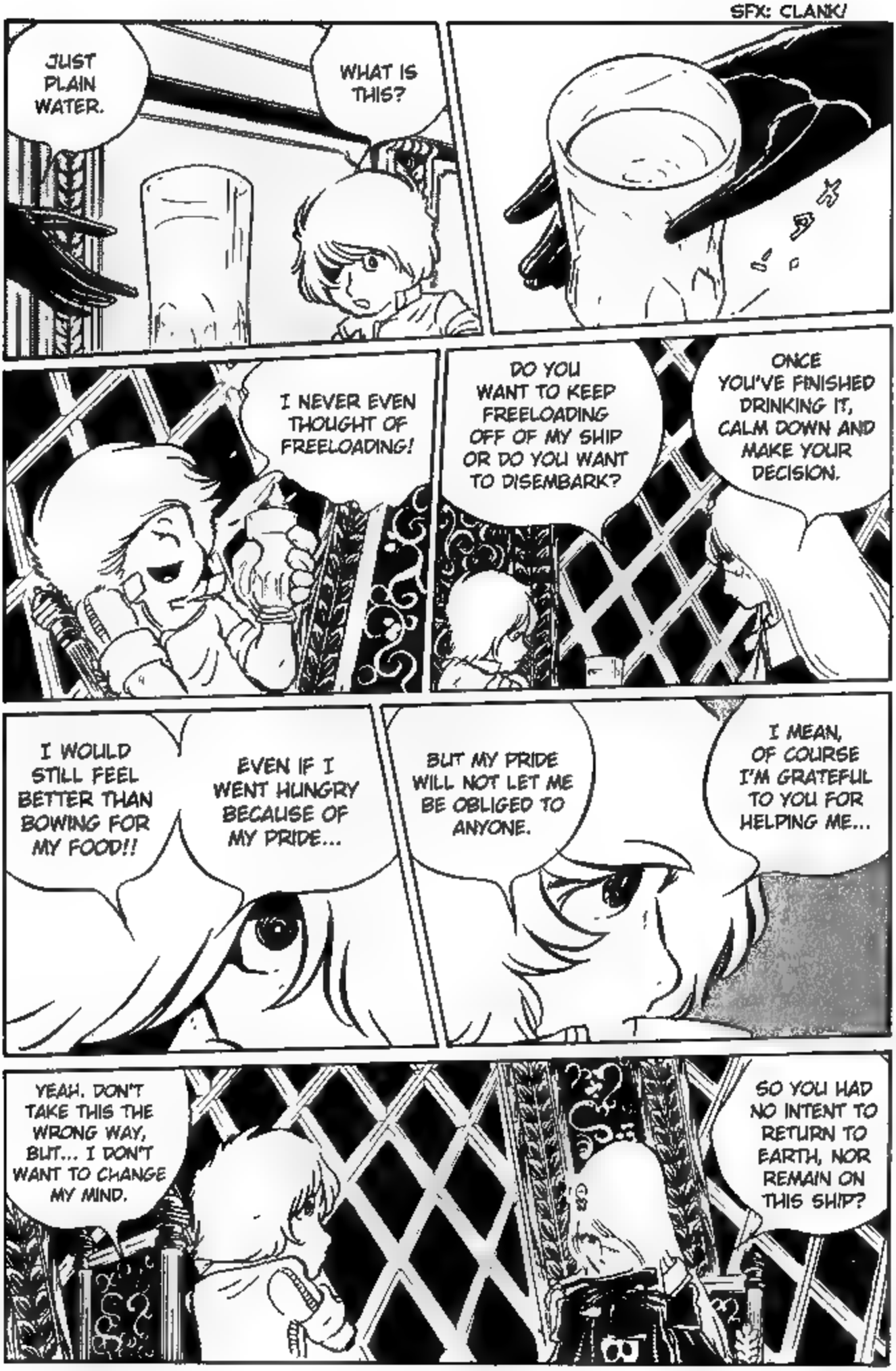

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!

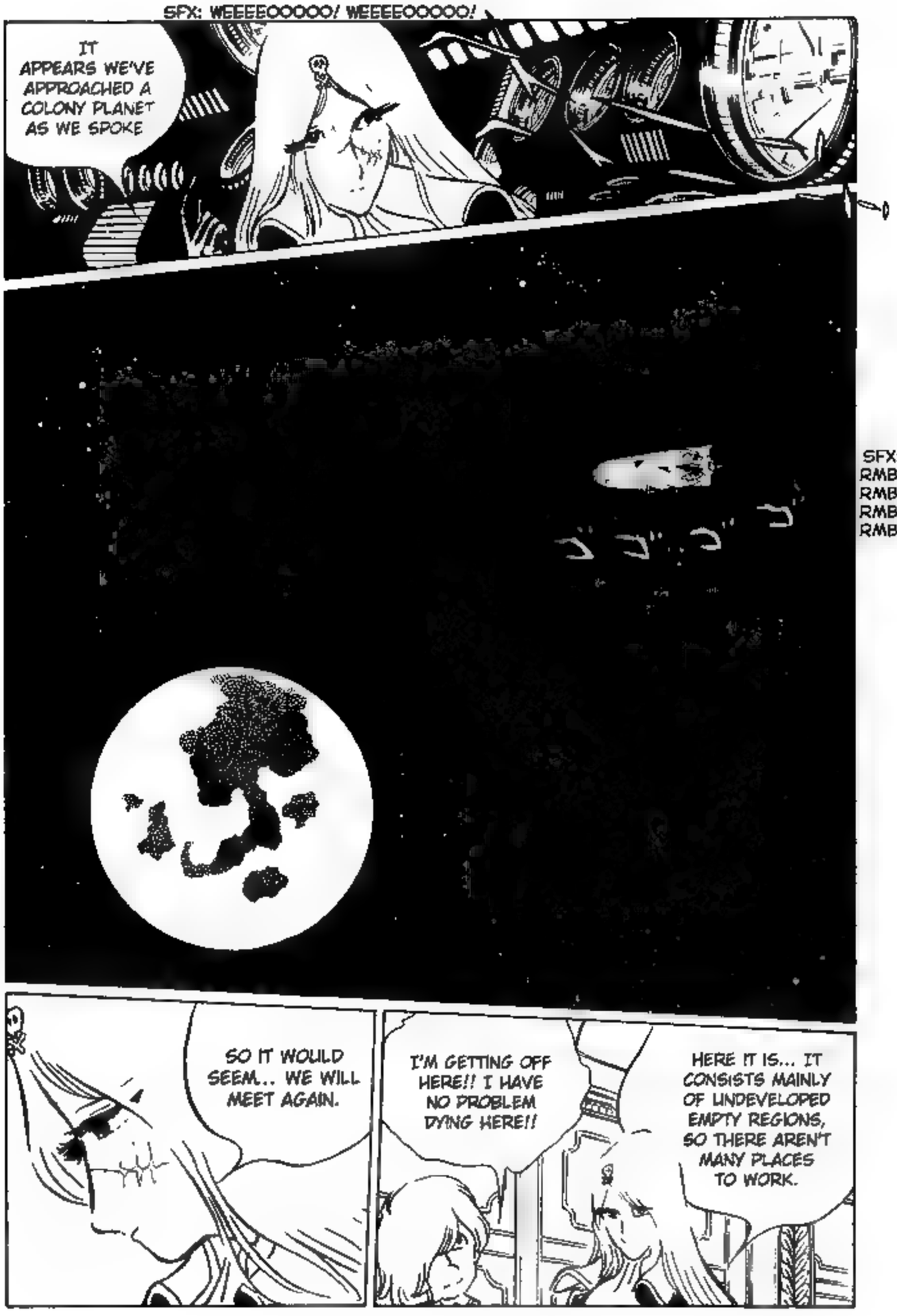

THE FRAGMENTS OF ALLOSAURUS...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT OVER THERE?
AT LEAST HE HAS A GRAVE.
IT IS TOO GOOD A GRAVE FOR A BANDIT.
MY CLAN'S GRAVE IS NO-WHERE TO BE FOUND .
DO YOU STILL HAVE NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO EARTH?
I'M NEVER GOING BACK THERE!!
I WOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT THE PLANET IF I WAS GONNA CRAWL BACK TO IT!!


I JUST HAVE TO WORK AND EARN MORE, UNTIL I CAN BUILD ANOTHER SHIP.
YOU ARE A STUBBORN ONE, ARE YOU NOT, UMINO HIROSHI?
THAT MAY BE SO... UMINO HIROSHI...
BUT JUDGING BY THE FACT THAT YOU TREASURE THIS, YOU MUST STILL HAVE SOME ATTACHMENT TO EARTH.
HOW DID YOU...?
FINE, I GET IT!! I NEED THAT ID TAG TO WORK IN THE COLONIES!
YOU DROPPED IT ON THE SAND WHEN YOU CAME OUT OF THE ESCAPE CAPSULE...
YOU REQUIRE THIS HUMAN IDENTIFICATION TAG TO OBTAIN A JOB... AM I RIGHT, UMINO HIROSHI...?
UNTIL YOU BUILD A SHIP... IS THAT NOT RIGHT, UMINO HIROSHI...?

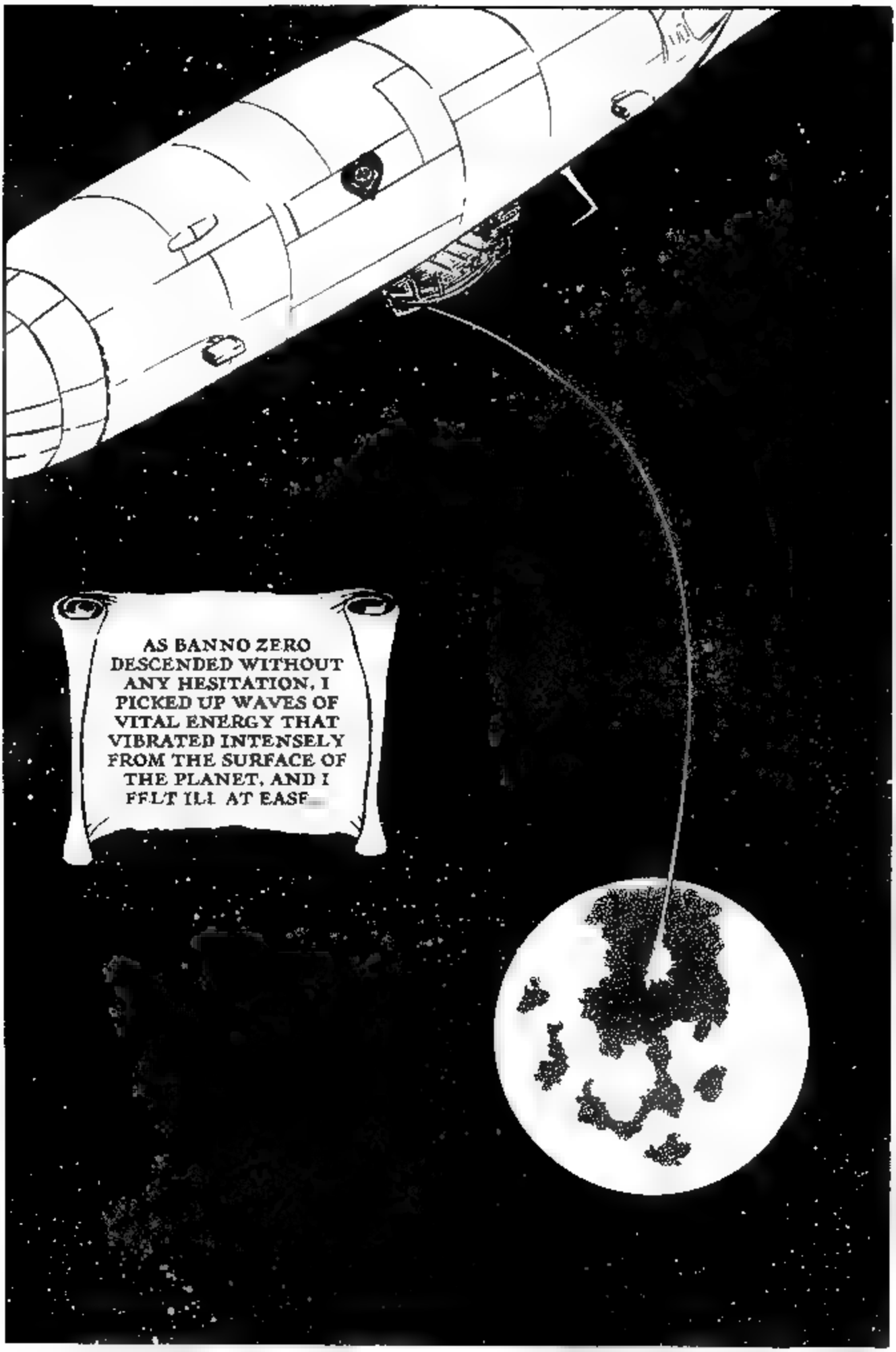
ARE YOU SUGGESTING I BE A PIRATE OR A BANDIT INSTEAD?
WHY ARE YOU SO DEAD-SET ON MAKING MONEY FROM THE EARTHLINGS, UMINO HIROSHI?
I GET IT!! JUST STOP SAYING THE NAME "UMINO HIROSHI" OVER AND OVER LIKE THAT!!
YES, THAT WOULD NOT BE BAD, UMINO HIROSHI.
BANNO ZERO.
YOU ARE RIGHT. YOUR REAL NAME IS...
YOUR FATHER WAS EXECUTED FOR CAUSING A RIOT IN A FORCED LABOR CAMP IN A MARTIAN COLONY.
IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG WITH THAT?
YOU KNOW ALL OF THESE THINGS WITHOUT EVEN PROCESSING THE DATA ON A COMPUTER, EMERALDUS...?
HE WAS ORIGINALLY A SPACE EXPLORER... YOUR MOTHER WAS SHOT DOWN BY A PURSUIT SQUAD ON PHOBOS, THE MOON OF MARS, EN ROUTE TO SAVING YOUR FATHER. . THAT'S WHAT IS RECORDED ON THIS IDENTIFICATION TAG.

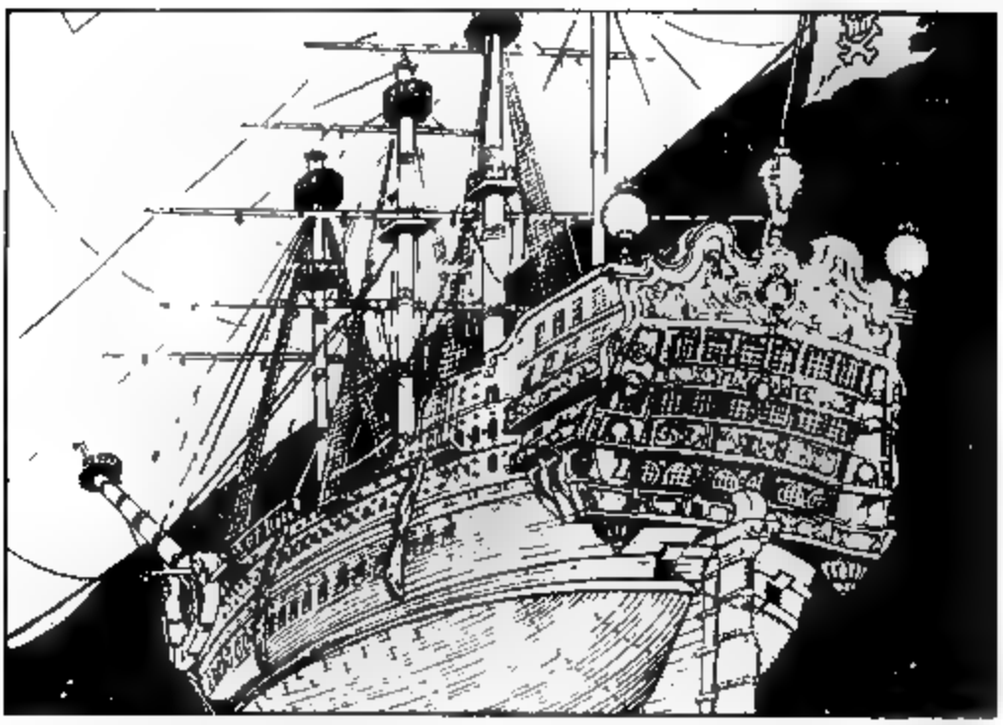

AND THEREFORE, YOU ARE A SECOND-CLASS FIXED-RESIDENCE CITIZEN, WHO CANNOT OBTAIN A DECENT JOB WITHIN THE EARTH'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE...
THAT'S RIGHT! I HAVE NO MONEY AND NO HOME OF MY OWN... ALL I HAVE IS THE NICKNAME "THE SON OF THE REBEL"!! BUT I RESPECT MY FATHER, A REBEL OFFICER WHO FOUGHT AND DIED FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED IN!
AND I RESPECT MY MOTHER, WHO DIED IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIM!!
I AM THEIR SON!
A SON THEY TAUGHT TO BE A FREE MAN, NEVER RULED BY ANYONE!!
THE BLOOD OF WARRIORS FLOWS THROUGH MY VEINS!!
AND I AM PROUD OF IT!!

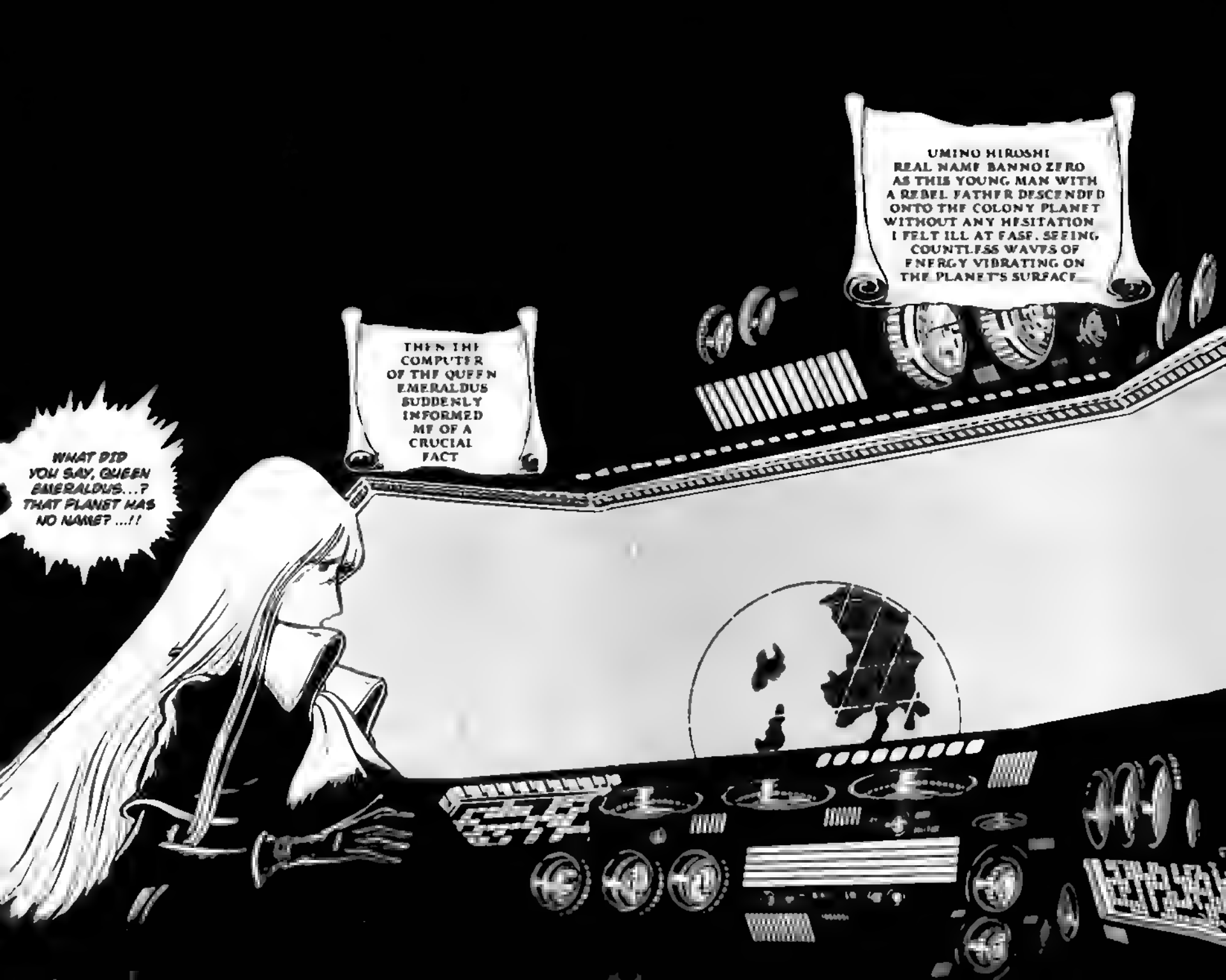

SFX: CLANK!
JUST PLAIN WATER.
WHAT IS THIS?
I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF FREELOADING!
DO YOU WANT TO KEEP FREELOADING OFF OF MY SHIP OR DO YOU WANT TO DISEMBARK?
ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED DRINKING IT, CALM DOWN AND MAKE YOUR DECISION.
I WOULD STILL FEEL BETTER THAN BOWING FOR MY FOOD!!
EVEN IF I WENT HUNGRY BECAUSE OF MY PRIDE...
BUT MY PRIDE WILL NOT LET ME BE OBLIGED TO ANYONE.
I MEAN, OF COURSE I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR HELPING ME...
YEAH. DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BUT... I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE MY MIND.
SO YOU HAD NO INTENT TO RETURN TO EARTH, NOR REMAIN ON THIS SHIP?

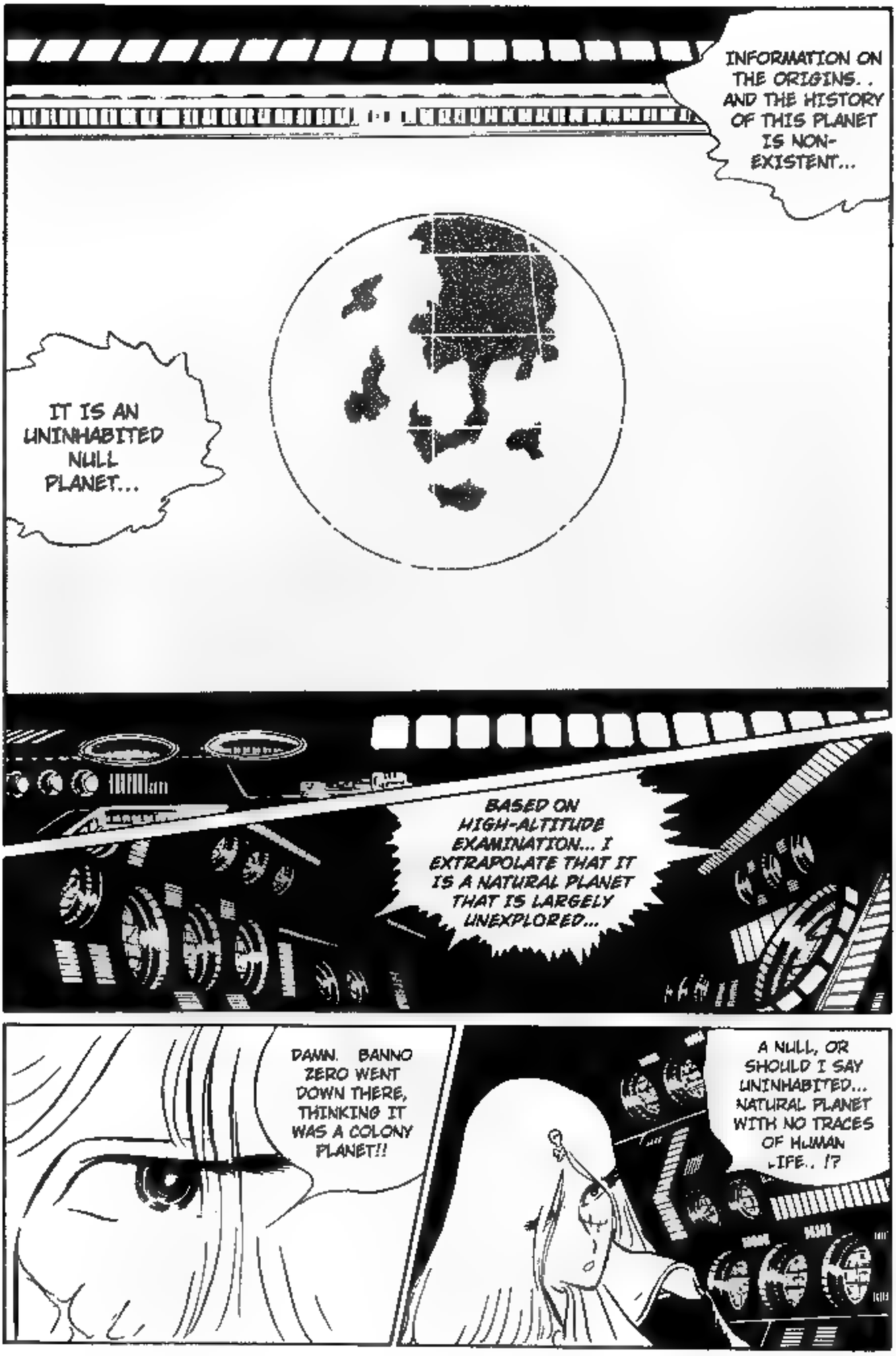

SFX: WEEEEOOOOO/ WEEEEOOOOO/
IT APPEARS WE'VE APPROACHED A COLONY PLANET AS WE SPOKE
SFX: RMB/ RMB/ RMB/ RMB/
SO IT WOULD SEEM... WE WILL MEET AGAIN.
I'M GETTING OFF HERE!! I HAVE NO PROBLEM DYING HERE!!
HERE IT IS... IT CONSISTS MAINLY OF UNDEVELOPED EMPTY REGIONS, SO THERE AREN'T MANY PLACES TO WORK.

SFX: PSSSHHHHH!
I'LL RETURN THIS ESCAPE POD ONCE I'VE BUILT A BETTER ONE!
I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO IT. TAKE CARE NOW!!


AS BANNO ZERO DESCENDED WITHOUT ANY HESITATION, I PICKED UP WAVES OF VITAL ENERGY THAT VIBRATED INTENSELY FROM THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET, AND I FELT ILL AT EASE...

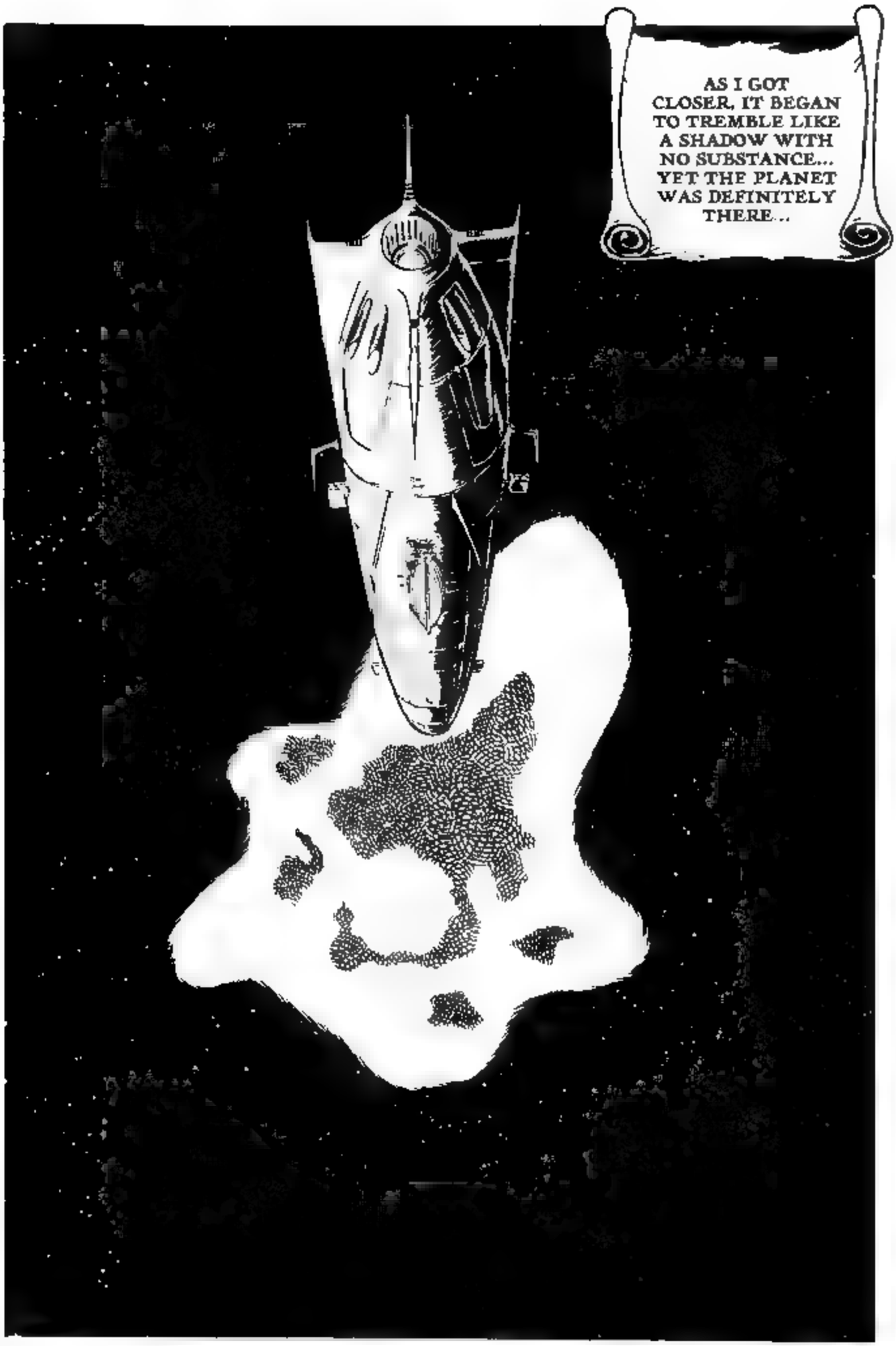


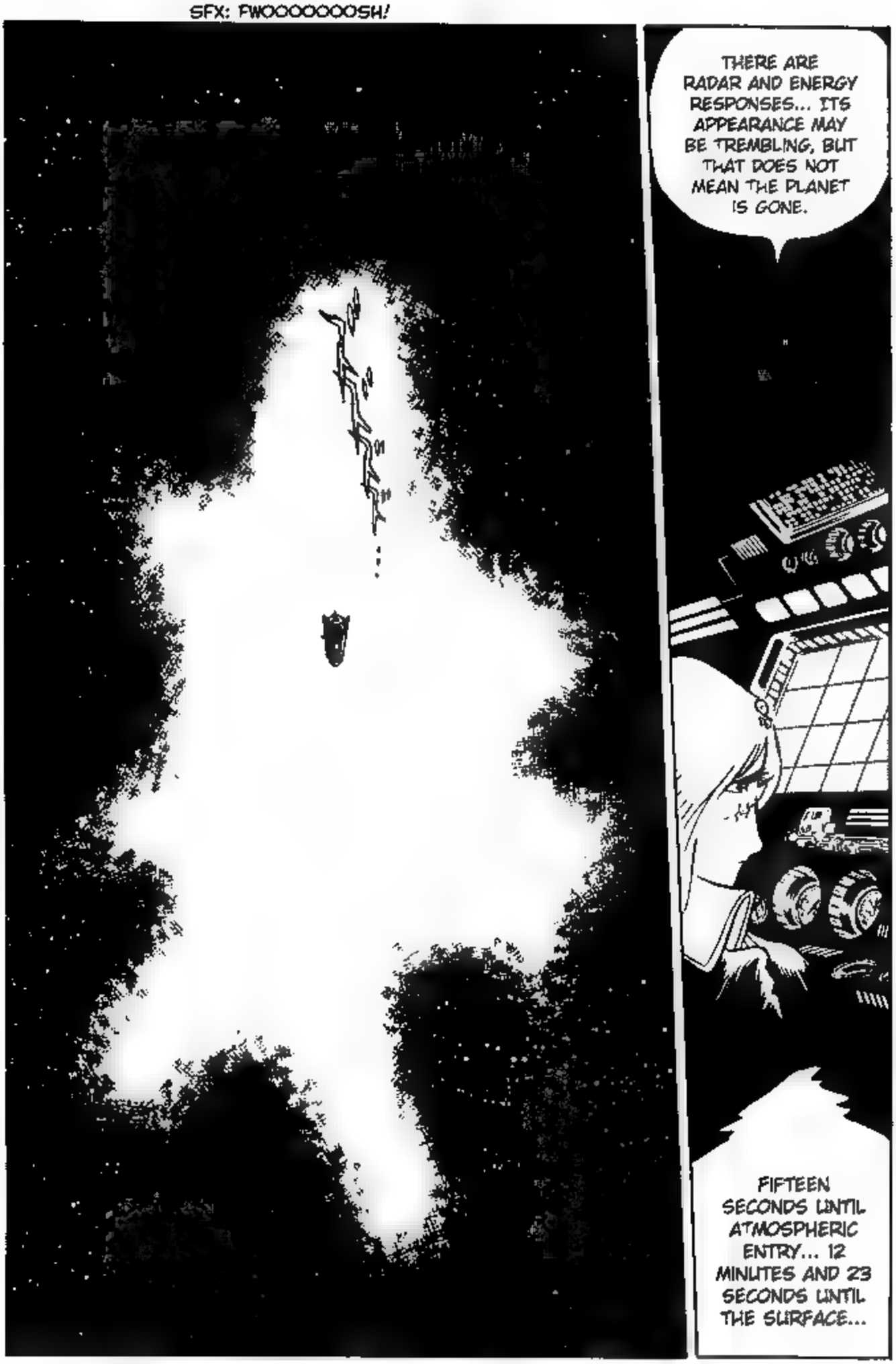

UMINO HIROSHI
REAL NAME BANNO ZERO
AS THIS YOUNG MAN WITH
A REBEL FATHER DESCENDED
ONTO THE COLONY PLANET
WITHOUT ANY HESITATION
I FELT ILL AT EASE, SEEING,
COUNTLESS WAVES OF
ENERGY VIBRATING ON
THE PLANET'S SURFACE...
THEN THE
COMPUTER
OF THE QUEEN
EMERALDUS
SUDDENLY
INFORMED
ME OF A
CRUCIAL
FACT
WHAT DID
YOU SAY, QUEEN
EMERALDUS...?
THAT PLANET HAS
NO NAME? ...!!

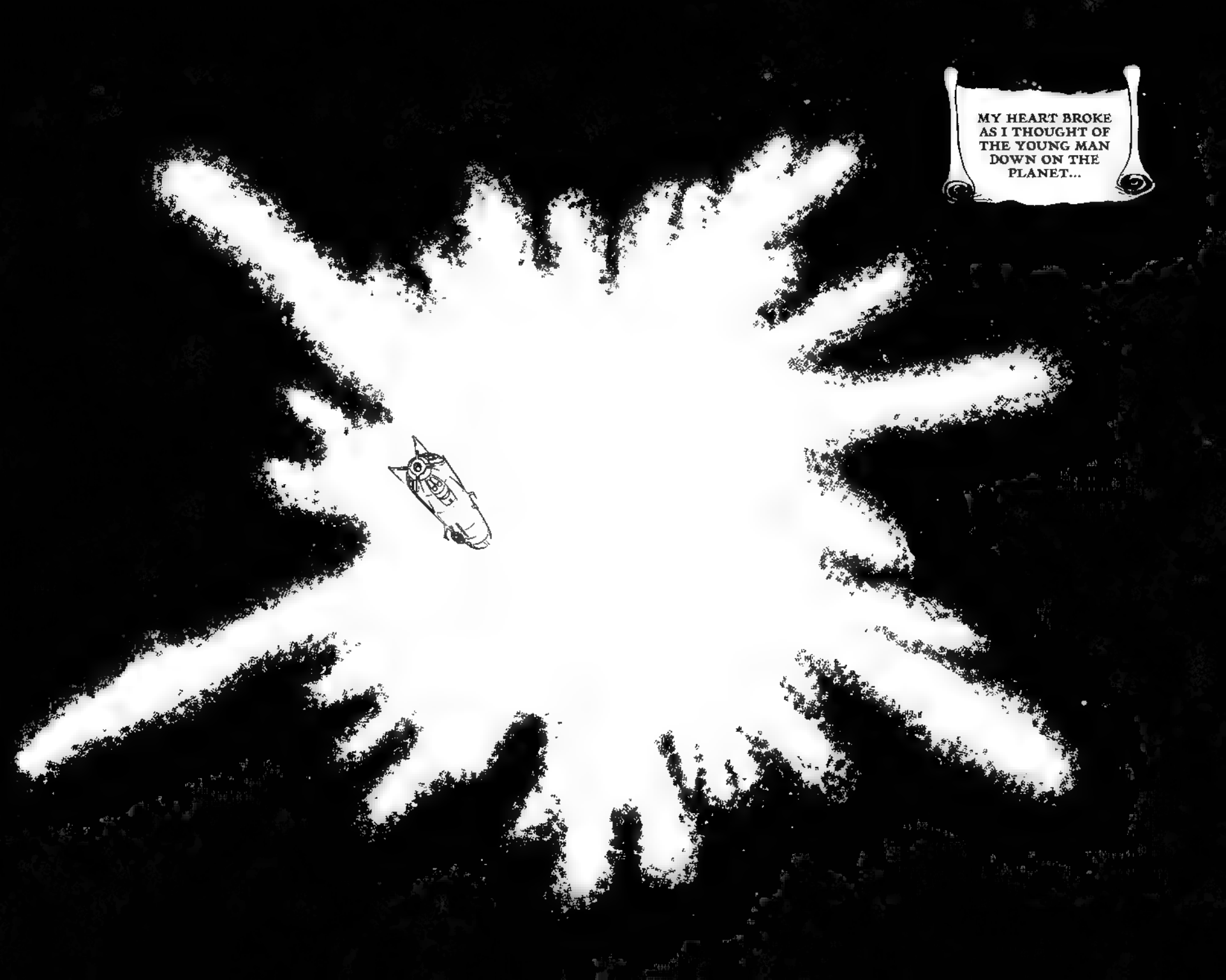

INFORMATION ON THE ORIGINS.. AND THE HISTORY OF THIS PLANET IS NON-EXISTENT...
IT IS AN UNINHABITED NULL PLANET...
BASED ON HIGH-ALTITUDE EXAMINATION... I EXTRAPOLATE THAT IT IS A NATURAL PLANET THAT IS LARGELY UNEXPLORED...
DAMN. BANNO ZERO WENT DOWN THERE, THINKING IT WAS A COLONY PLANET!!
A NULL, OR SHOULD I SAY UNINHABITED... NATURAL PLANET WITH NO TRACES OF HUMAN LIFE.. !?

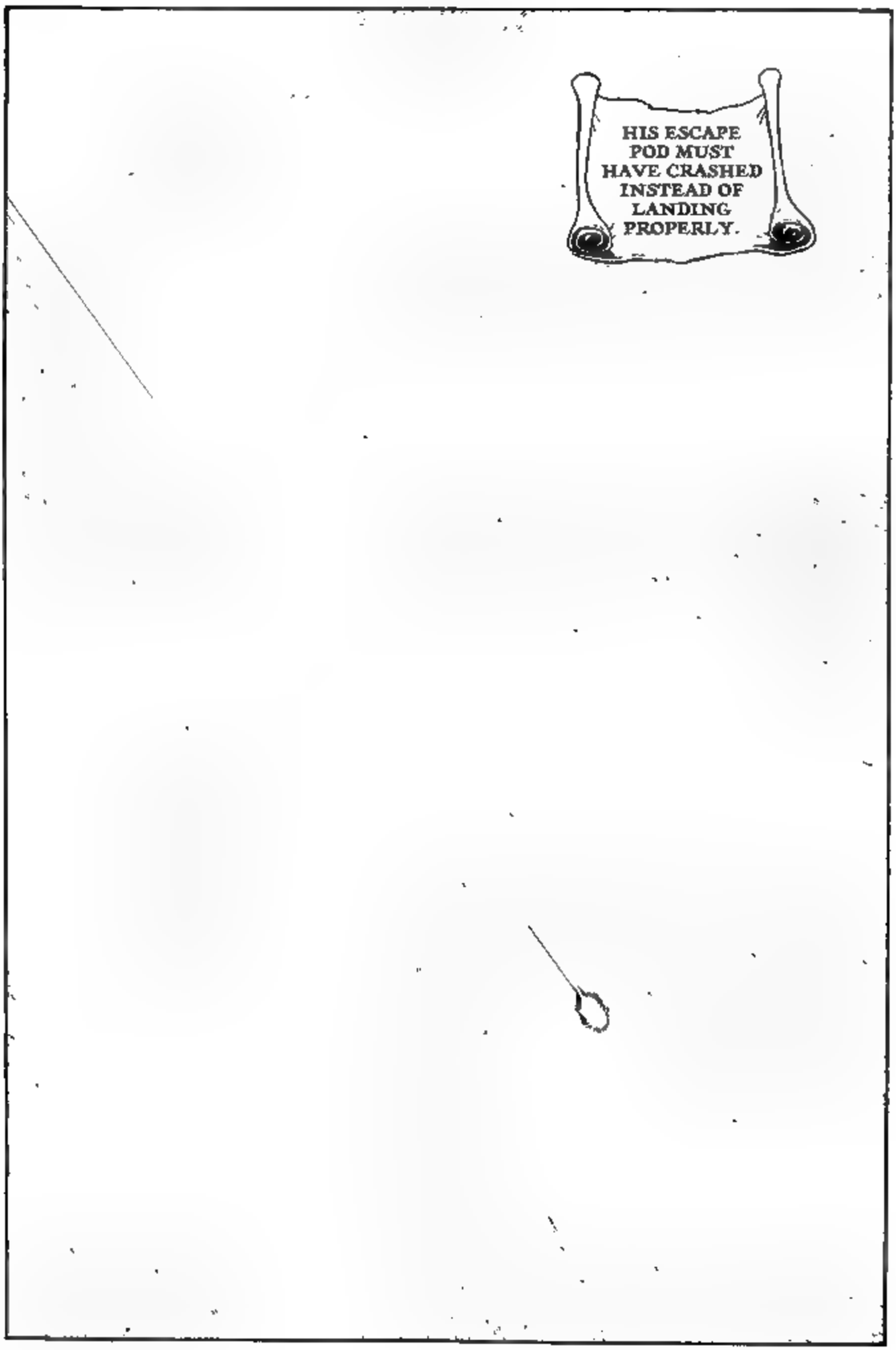
THIS WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY, FOR GIVING HIM INCORRECT DATA... I COULD NOT LEAVE AND ABANDON BANNO ZERO... TO THINK THAT MY SHIP AND I COMMITTED THE SAME ERROR..

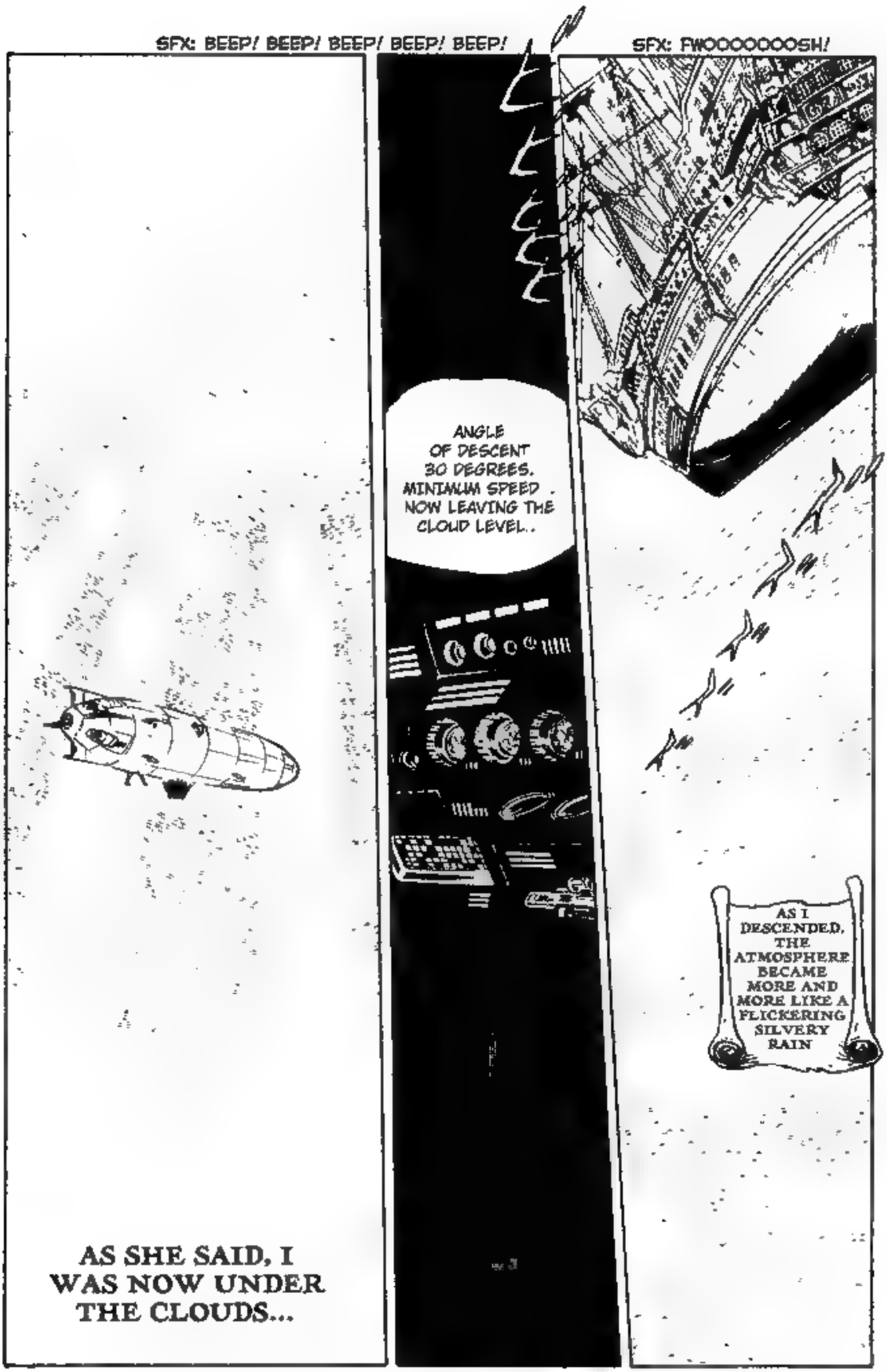
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!
AS I TURNED BACK TO THE PLANET, I REALIZED THAT THIS WAS AN ABNORMAL PLANET INDEED...

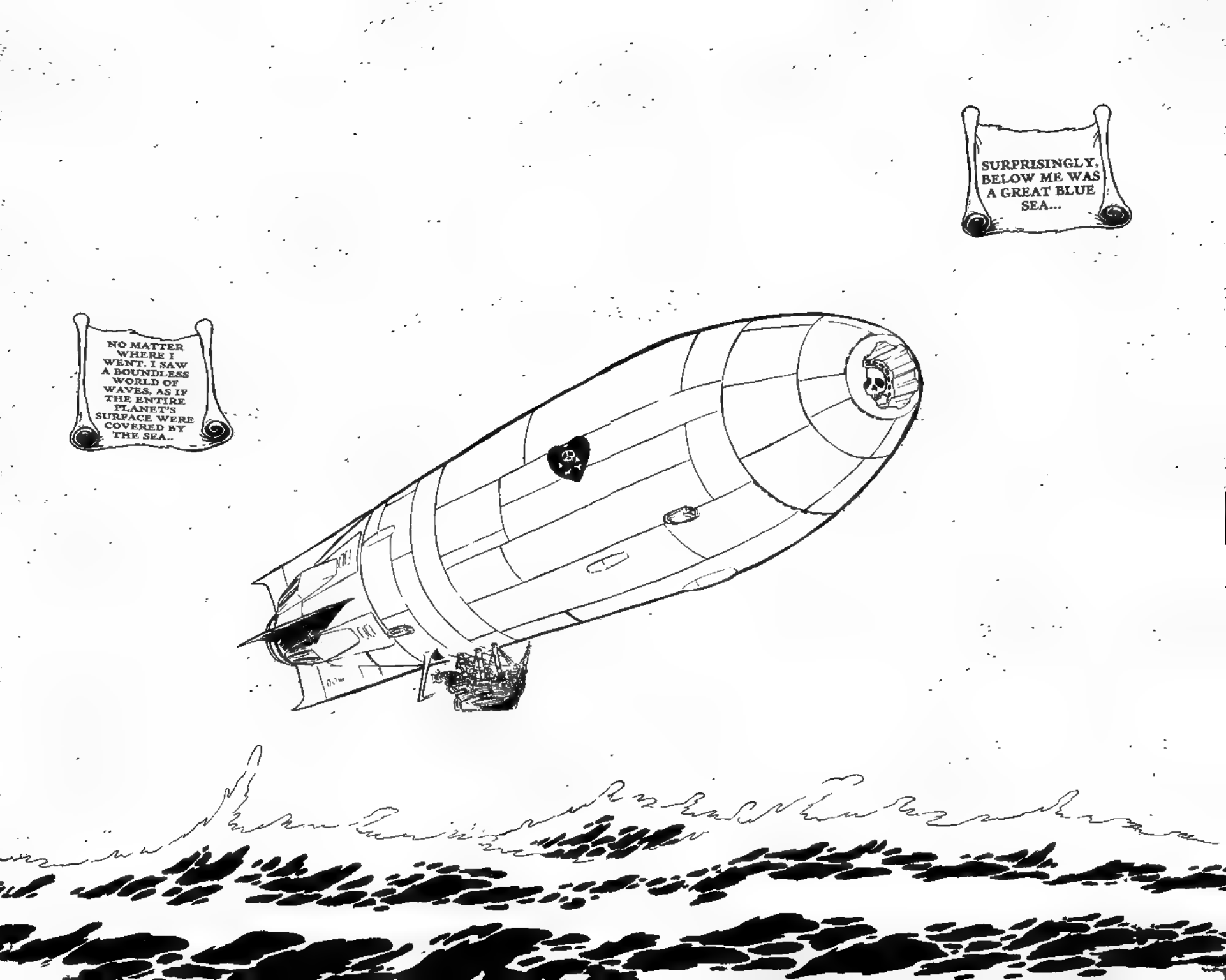

AS I GOT CLOSER, IT BEGAN TO TREMBLE LIKE A SHADOW WITH NO SUBSTANCE... YET THE PLANET WAS DEFINITELY THERE...

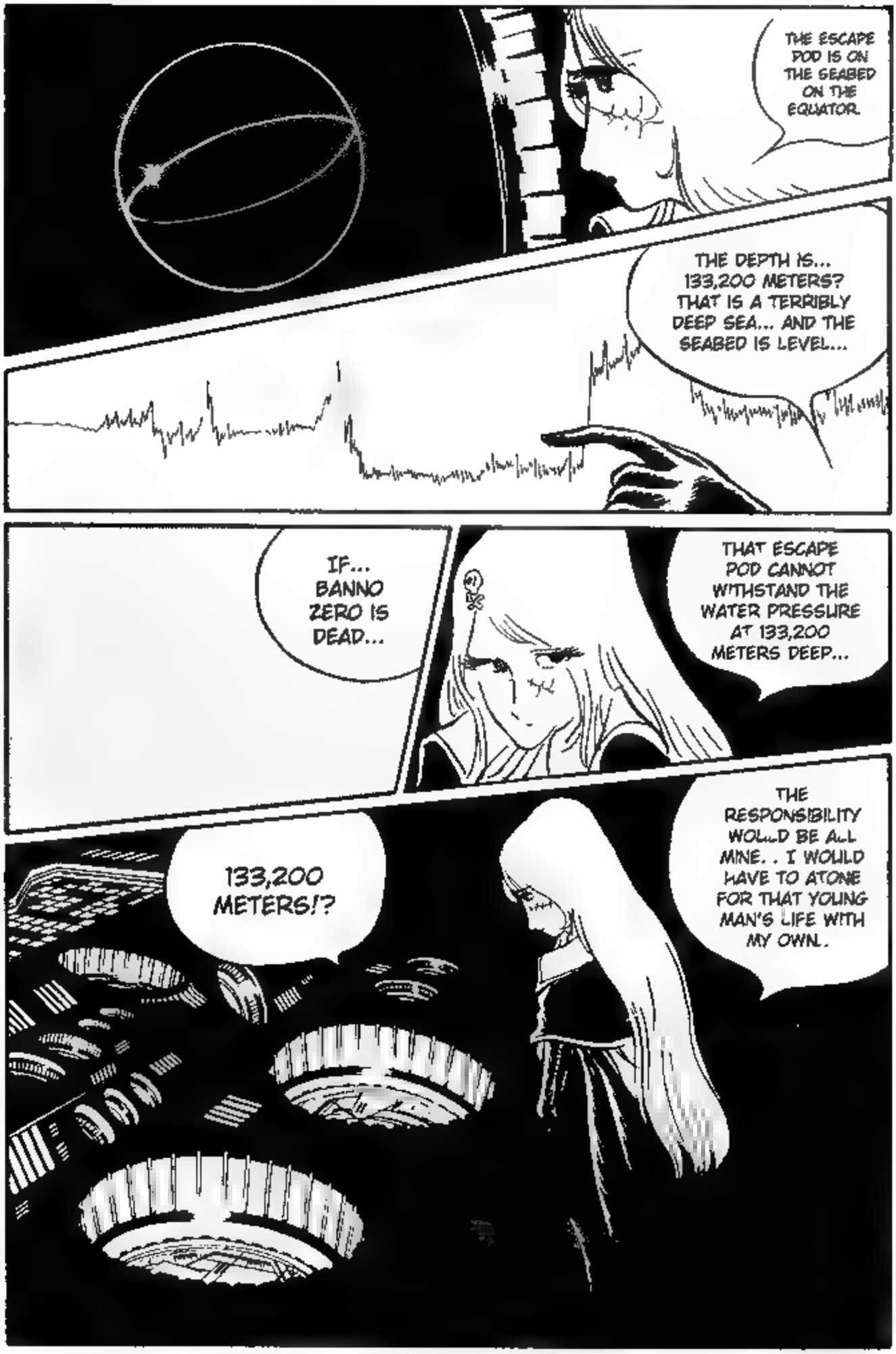

SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!
THERE ARE RADAR AND ENERGY RESPONSES... ITS APPEARANCE MAY BE TREMBLING, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE PLANET IS GONE.
FIFTEEN SECONDS UNTIL ATMOSPHERIC ENTRY... 12 MINUTES AND 23 SECONDS UNTIL THE SURFACE...

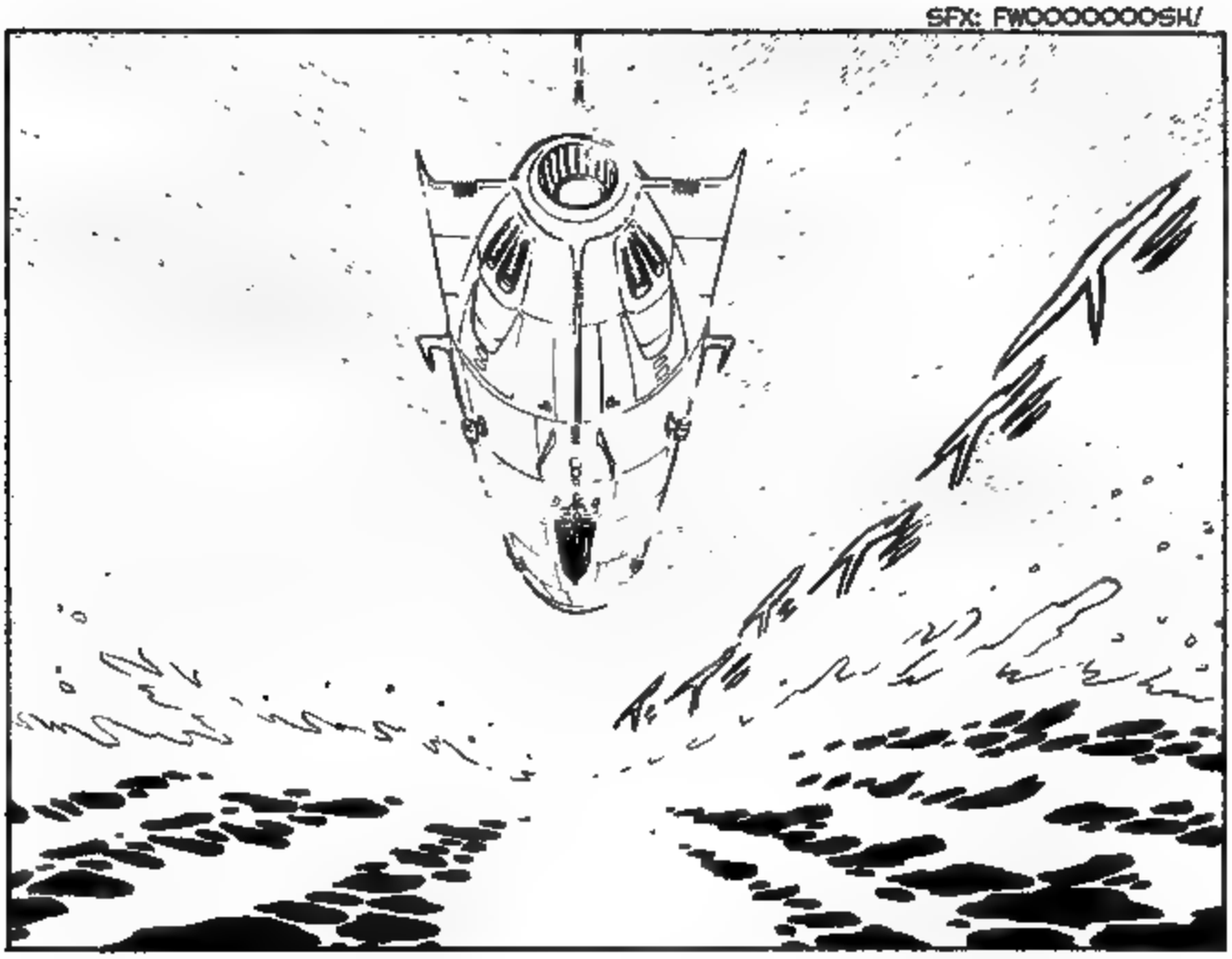

MY HEART BROKE AS I THOUGHT OF THE YOUNG MAN DOWN ON THE PLANET...


HIS ESCAPE POD MUST HAVE CRASHED INSTEAD OF LANDING PROPERLY.


SFX: BEEP/ BEEP/ BEEP/ BEEP/ BEEP/
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH/
ANGLE OF DESCENT 30 DEGREES. MINIMUM SPEED . NOW LEAVING THE CLOUD LEVEL..
AS I DESCENDED, THE ATMOSPHERE BECAME MORE AND MORE LIKE A FLICKERING SILVERY RAIN
AS SHE SAID, I WAS NOW UNDER THE CLOUDS...


NO MATTER WHERE I WENT, I SAW A BOUNDLESS WORLD OF WAVES, AS IF THE ENTIRE PLANET'S SURFACE WERE COVERED BY THE SEA..
SURPRISINGLY, BELOW ME WAS A GREAT BLUE SEA...


THE ESCAPE POD IS ON THE SEABED ON THE EQUATOR.
THE DEPTH IS... 133,200 METERS? THAT IS A TERRIBLY DEEP SEA... AND THE SEABED IS LEVEL...
IF... BANNO ZERO IS DEAD...
THAT ESCAPE POD CANNOT WITHSTAND THE WATER PRESSURE AT 133,200 METERS DEEP...
133,200 METERS!?
THE RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE ALL MINE. . I WOULD HAVE TO ATONE FOR THAT YOUNG MAN'S LIFE WITH MY OWN.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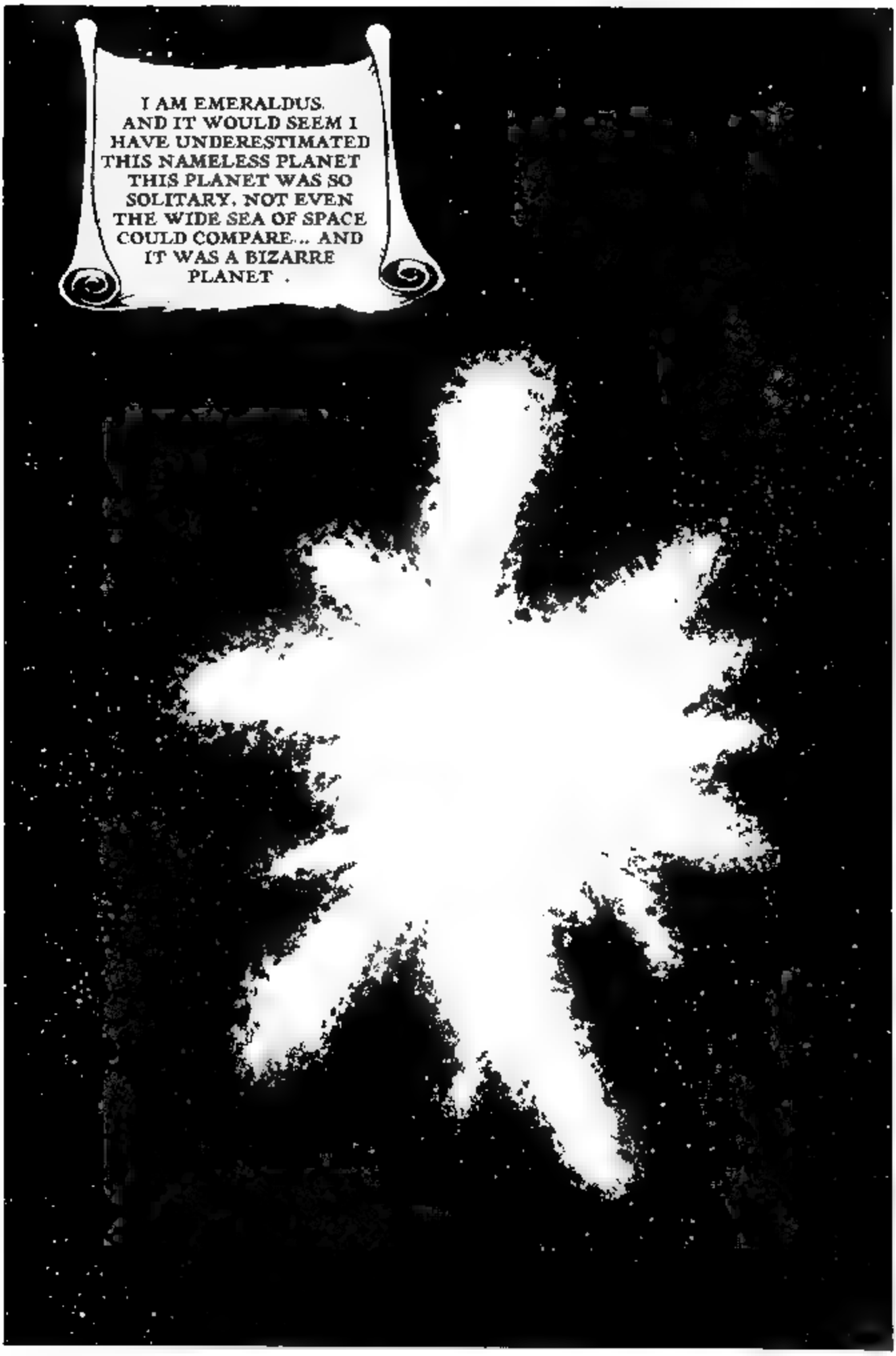
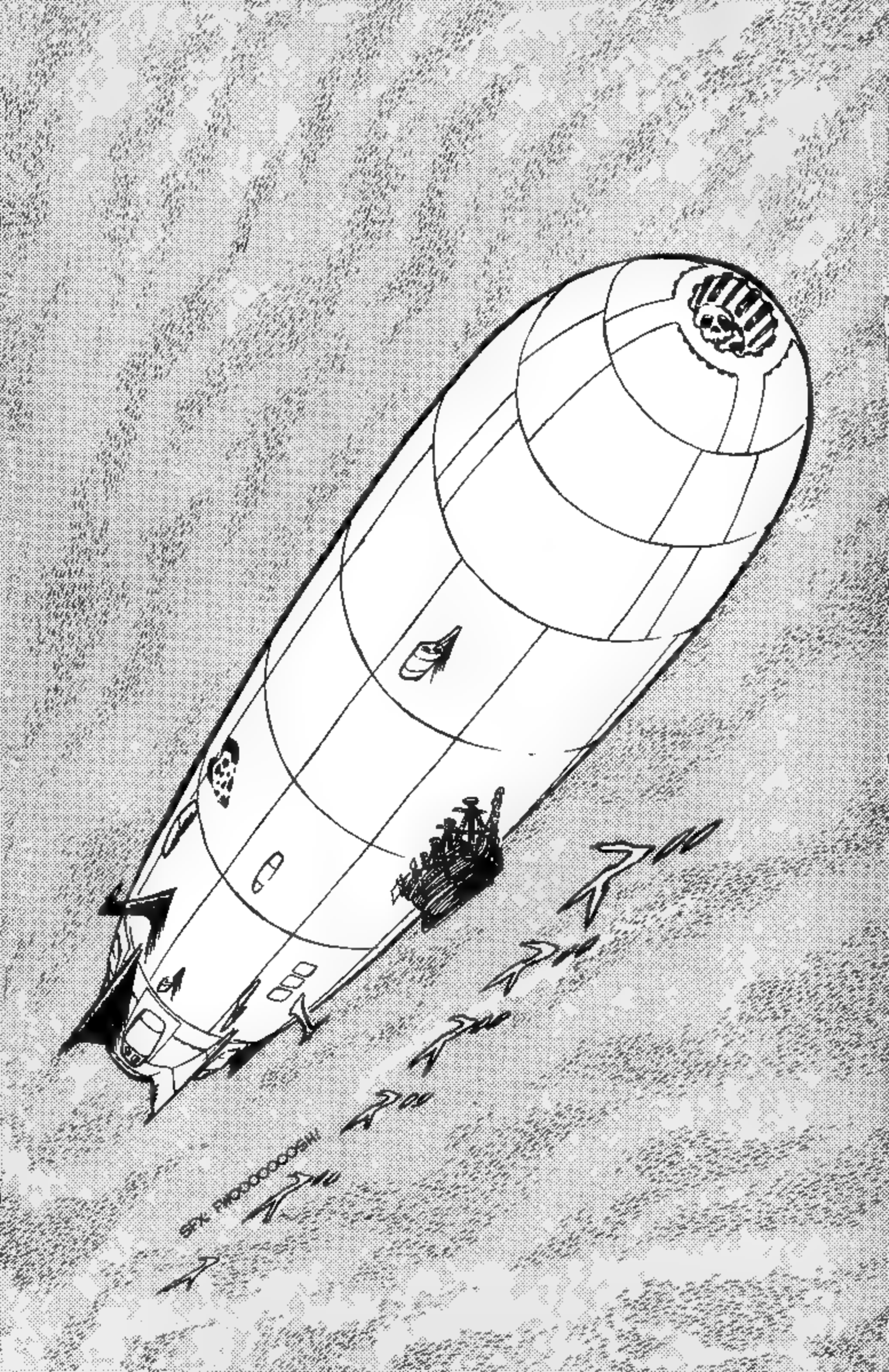
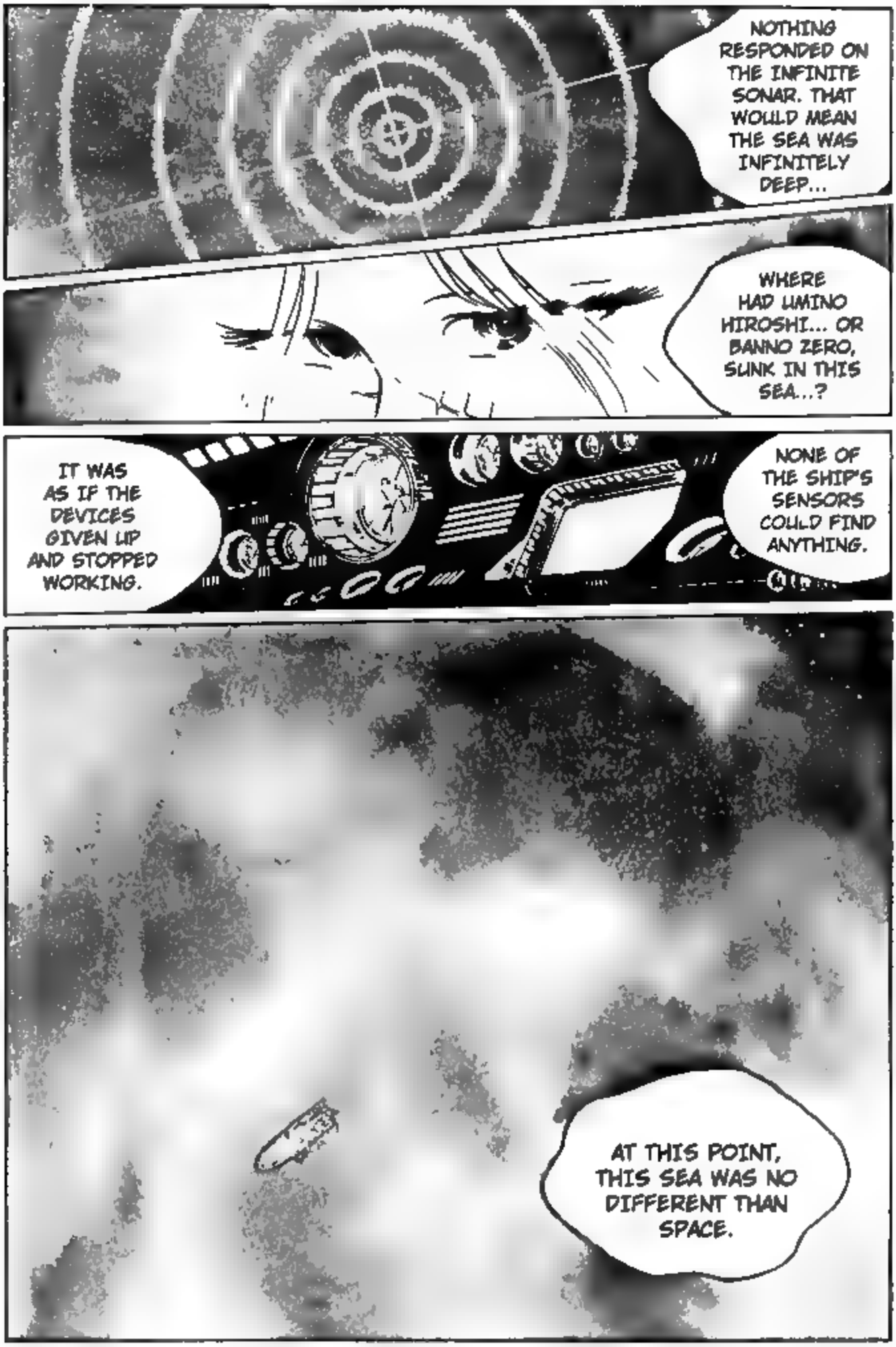
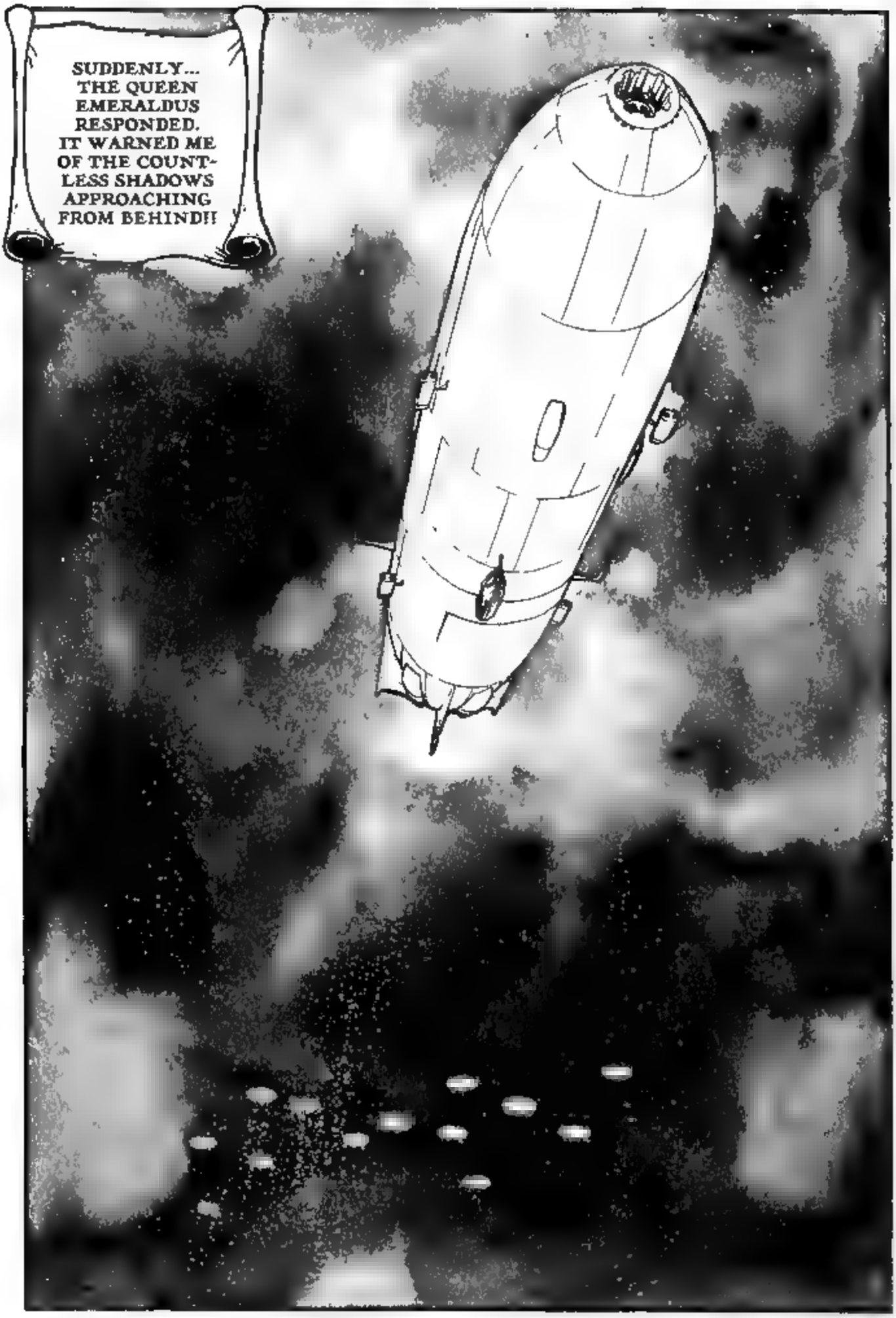

I AM EMERALDUS. AND IT WOULD SEEM I HAVE UNDERESTIMATED THIS NAMELESS PLANET THIS PLANET WAS SO SOLITARY, NOT EVEN THE WIDE SEA OF SPACE COULD COMPARE... AND IT WAS A BIZARRE PLANET .

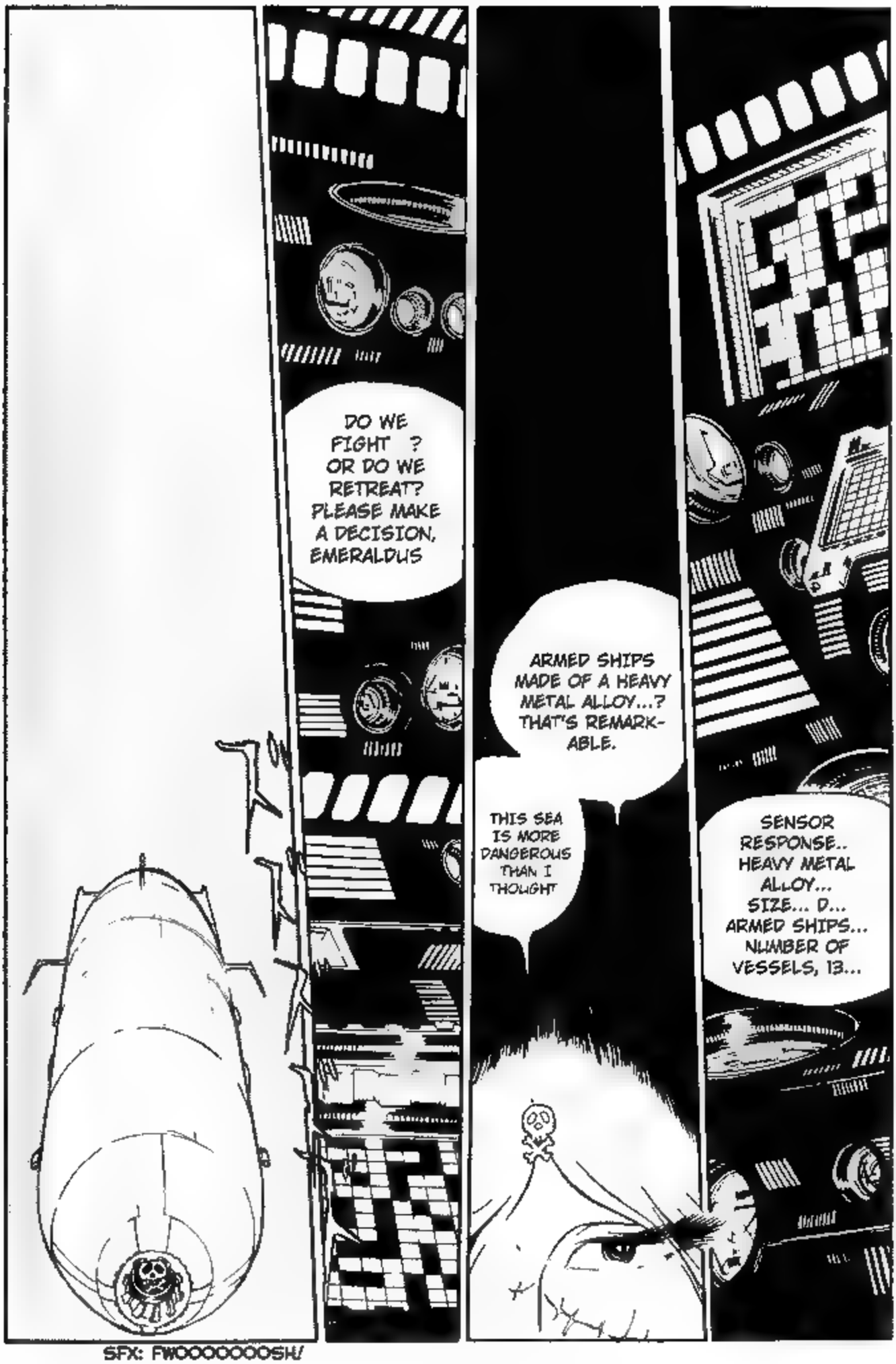

SFX: PHOOOOOOOSH!

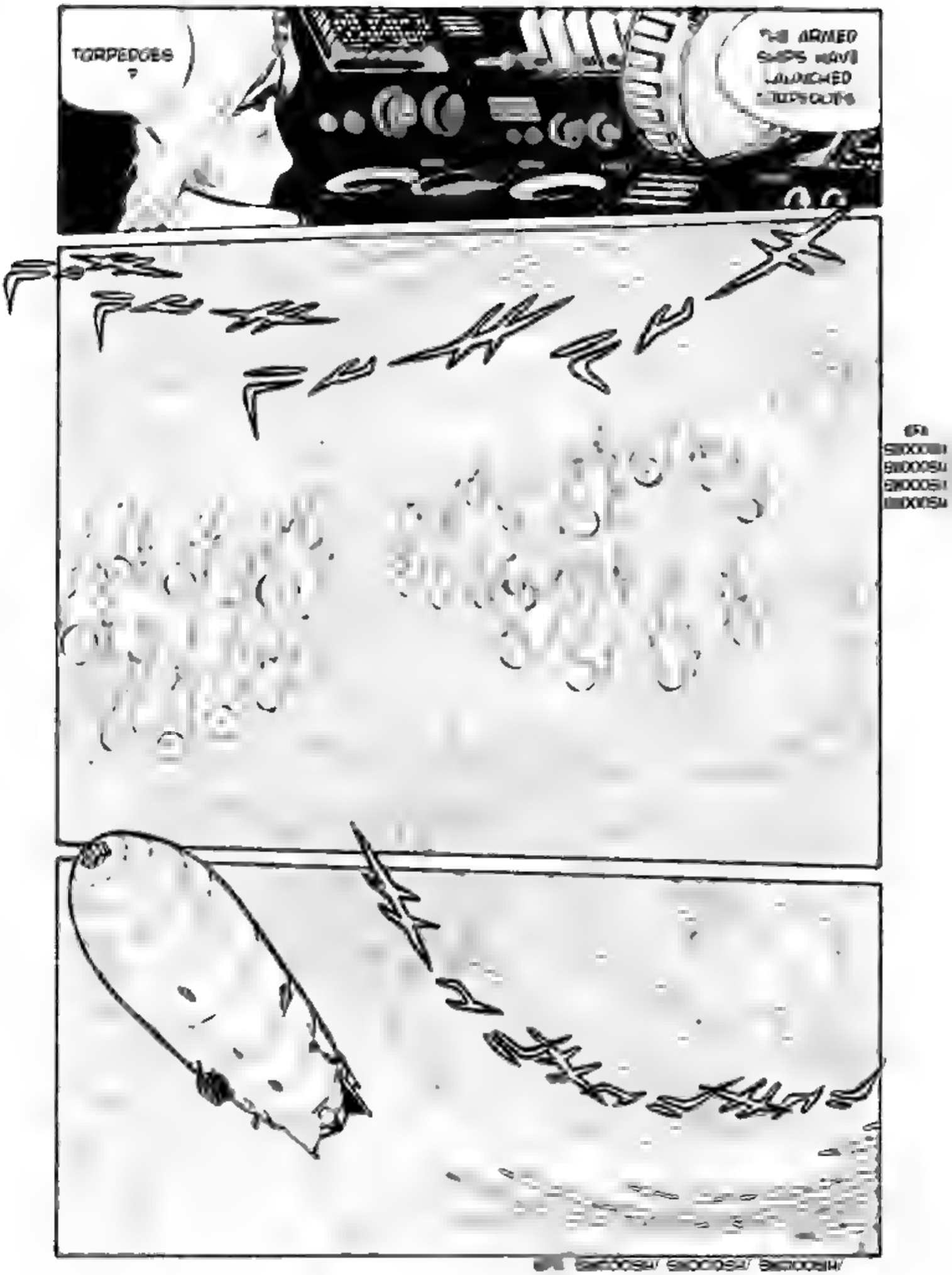
WHEN I DESCENDED INTO THE SEA OF THIS STRANGE AND NAMELESS PLANET, I WAS COME UPON BY A SINISTER AND INDESCRIBABLE FEELING. . BUT I NEVER IMAGINED THAT I WOULD COME TO REGRET HAVING DIVED INTO THAT OCEAN...
SFX: SPLAAASH! / WHOOOOOSH!

SFX: ROOOAAARRR!
THIS SEA WAS FILLED WITH A SOUND THAT APPEARED TO BOIL THE WATER. THE BLUE WATER WENT ON WITHOUT END, AND IT ALMOST SEEMED LIKE A BOTTOMLESS SEA


NOTHING RESPONDED ON THE INFINITE SONAR. THAT WOULD MEAN THE SEA WAS INFINITELY DEEP...
WHERE HAD UMINO HIROSHI... OR BANNO ZERO, SUNK IN THIS SEA...?
IT WAS AS IF THE DEVICES GIVEN UP AND STOPPED WORKING.
NONE OF THE SHIP'S SENSORS COULD FIND ANYTHING.
AT THIS POINT, THIS SEA WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN SPACE.


SUDDENLY... THE QUEEN EMERALDUS RESPONDED. IT WARNED ME OF THE COUNT-LESS SHADOWS APPROACHING FROM BEHIND!!


DO WE FIGHT ? OR DO WE RETREAT? PLEASE MAKE A DECISION, EMERALDUS
ARMED SHIPS MADE OF A HEAVY METAL ALLOY...? THAT'S REMARK-ABLE.
THIS SEA IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN I THOUGHT
SENSOR RESPONSE.. HEAVY METAL ALLOY... SIZE... D... ARMED SHIPS... NUMBER OF VESSELS, 13...
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH!


TORPEDOES ?
THE ARMED SHIPS HAVE LAUNCHED TORPEDOES
SWOOSH!
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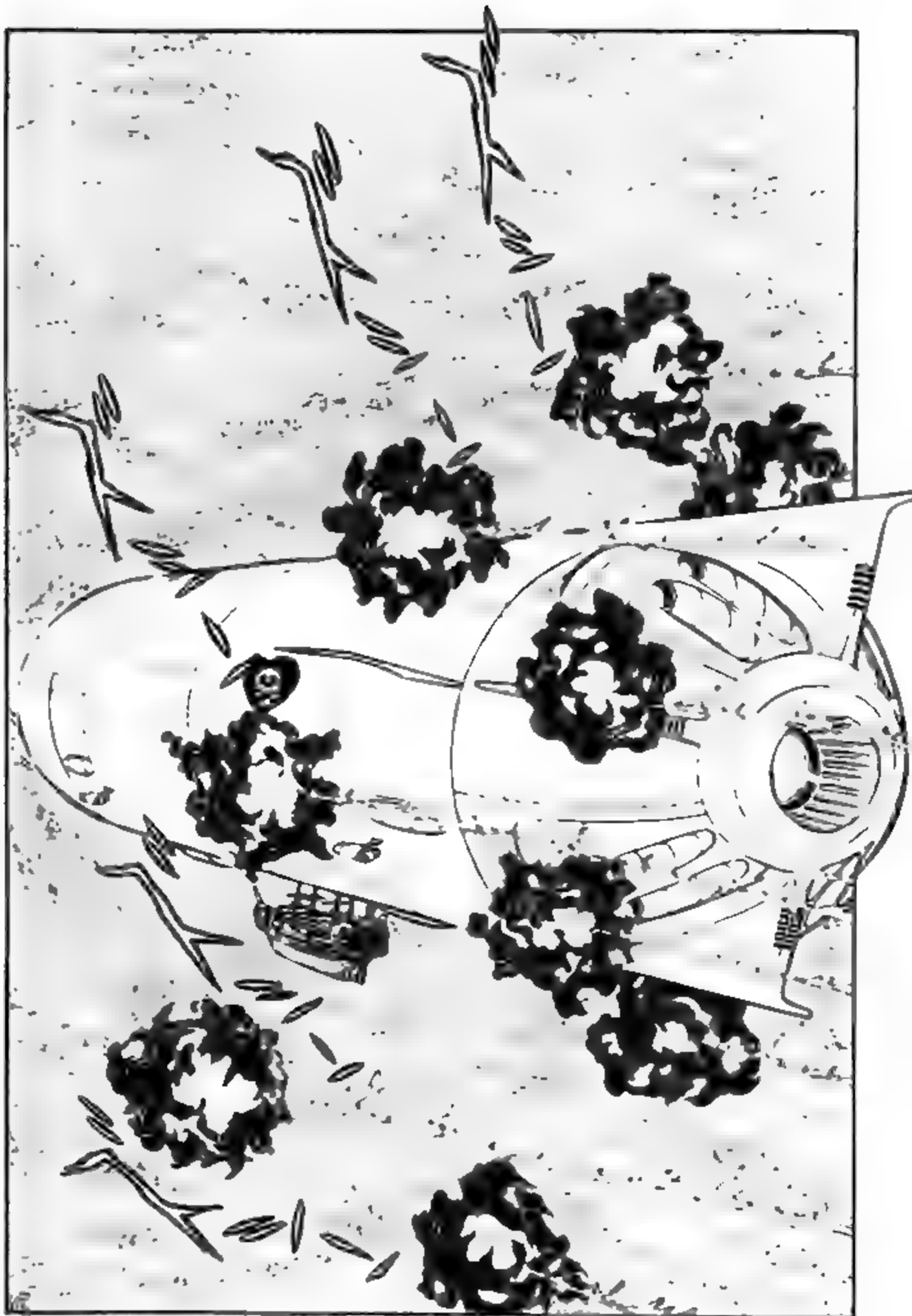
SWOOSH! SWOOSH! SWOOSH!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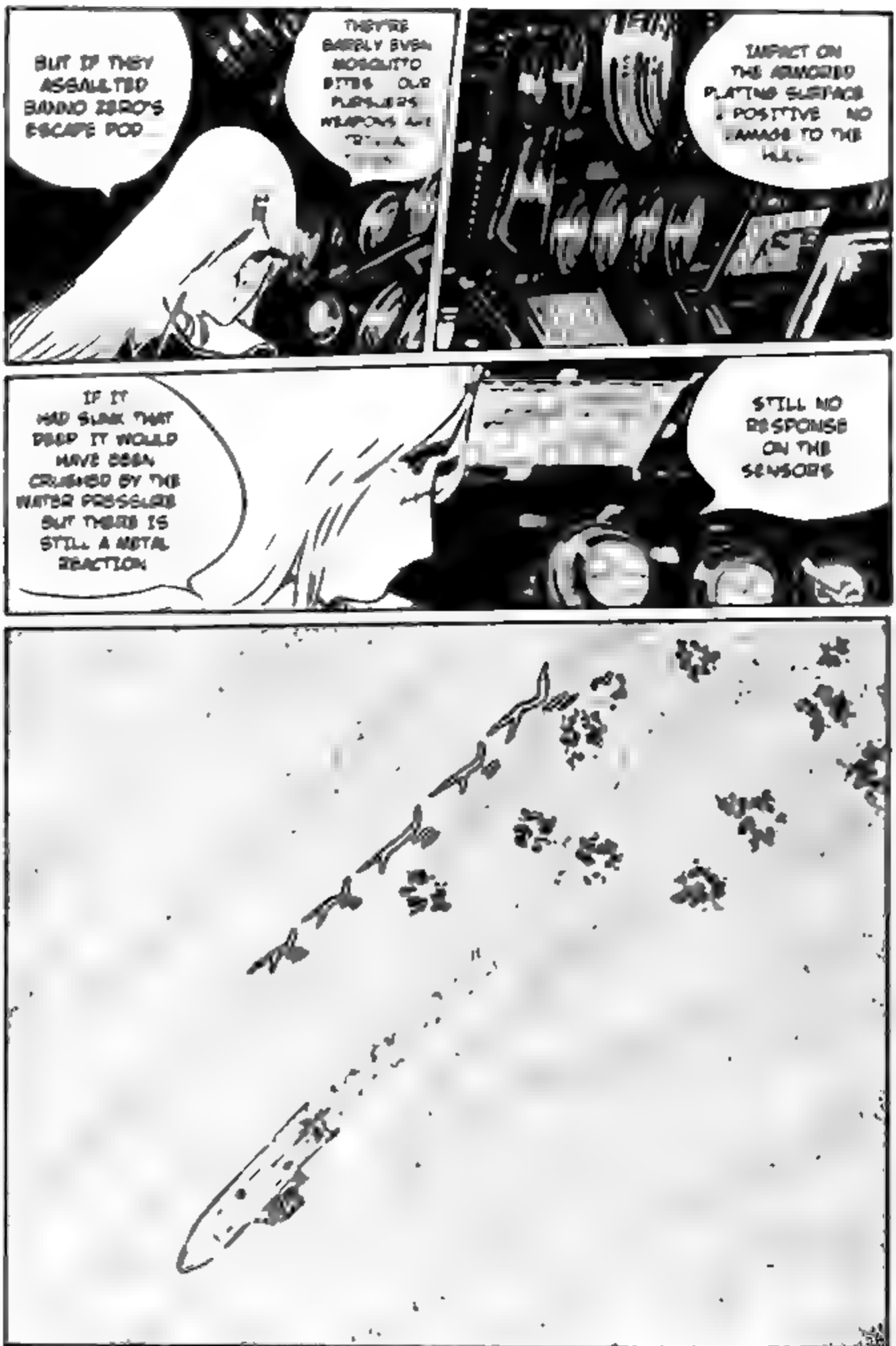
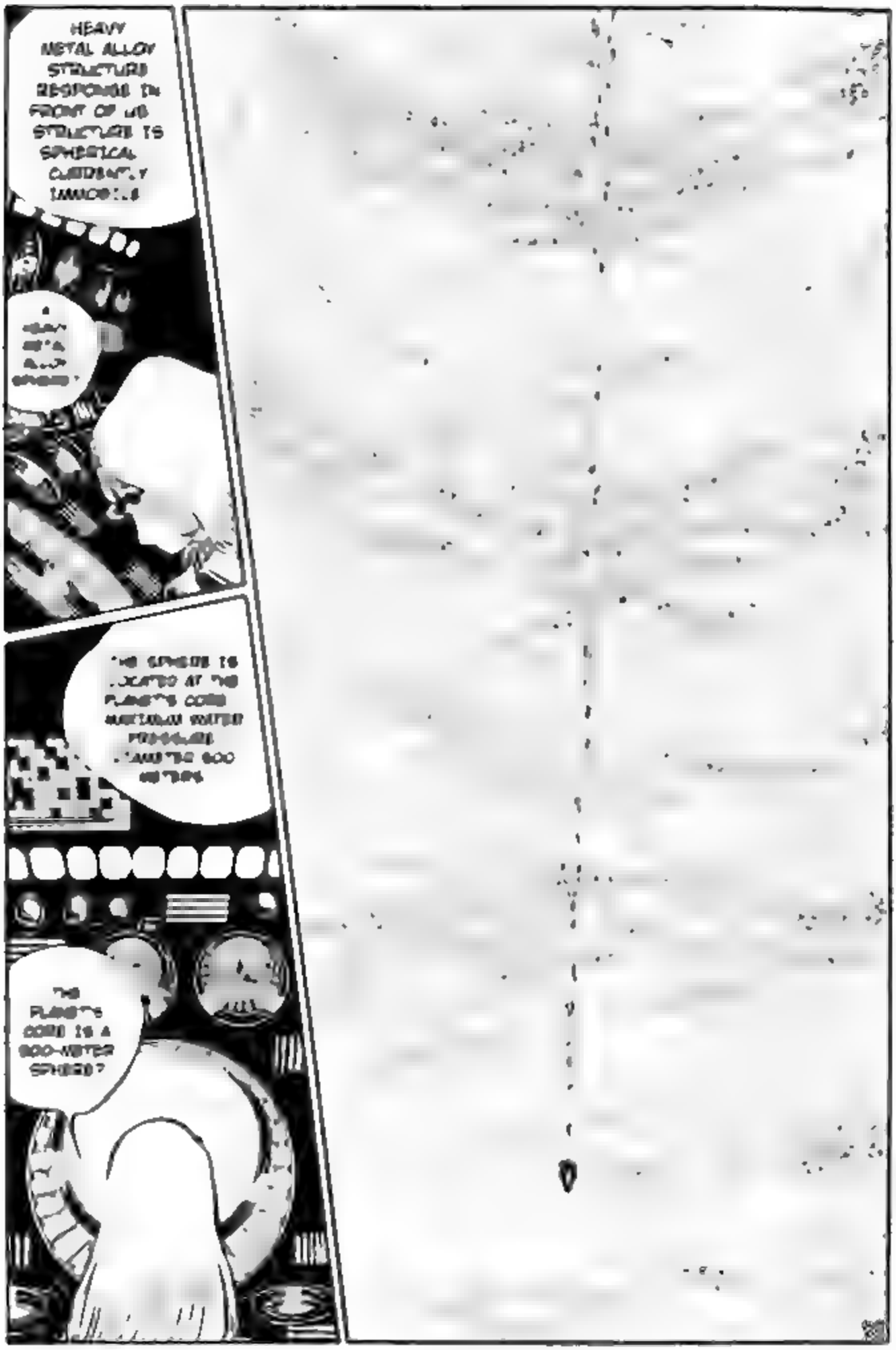
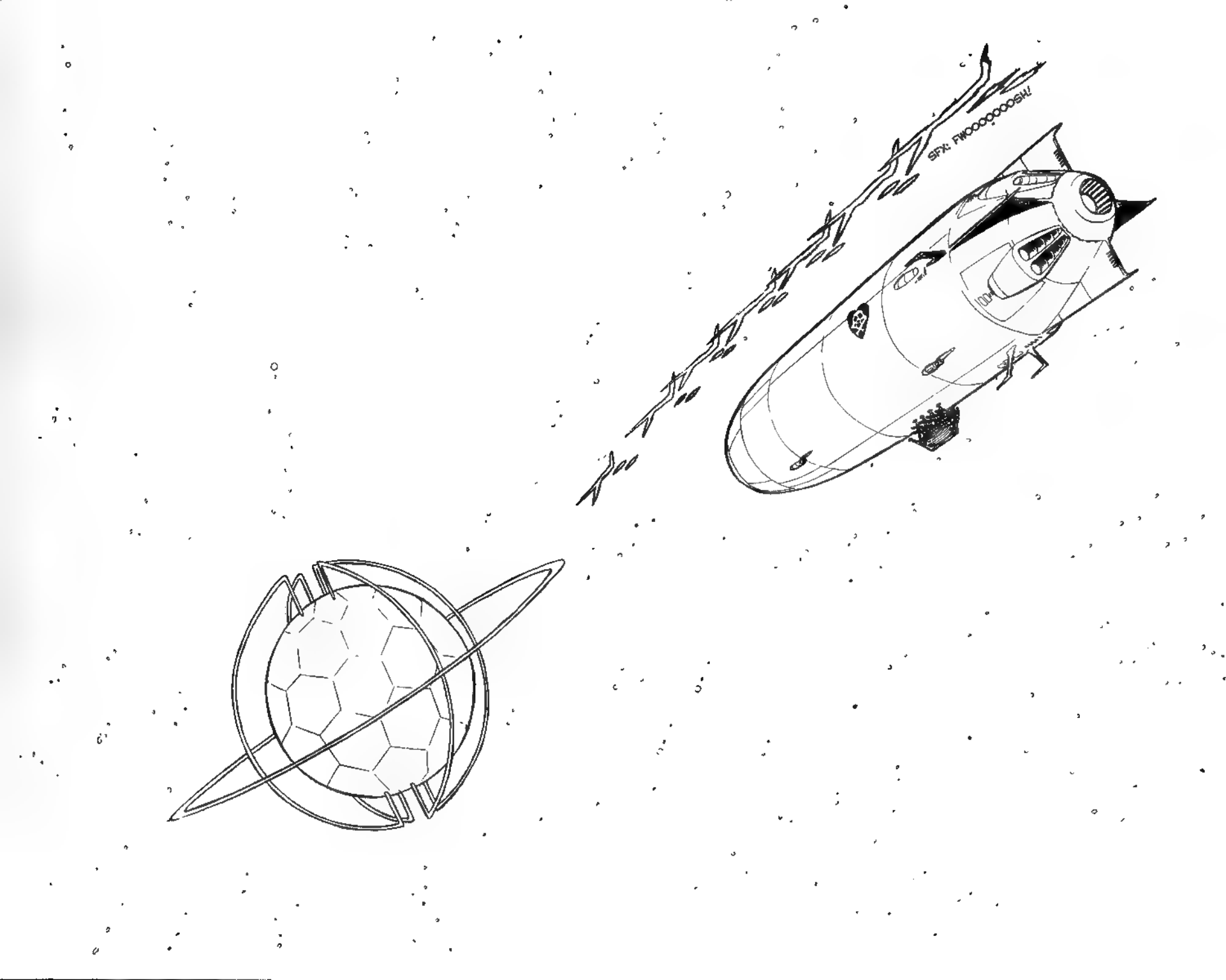

BUT IF THEY ASSAULTED BANNO ZERO'S ESCAPE POD...
THEY'RE BARELY EVEN MOSQUITO BITES. OUR PURSUERS' WEAPONS ARE TOTAL
IMPACT ON THE ARMORED PLATING SURFACE POSITIVE NO DAMAGE TO THE HULL
IF IT HAD SUNK THAT DEEP IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CRUSHED BY THE WATER PRESSURE BUT THERE IS STILL A METAL REACTION
STILL NO RESPONSE ON THE SENSORS
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH


HEAVY METAL ALLOY STRUCTURE RESPONSE IN FRONT OF US STRUCTURE IS SPHERICAL
THE PLANET'S CORE IS A 600-METER SPHERE?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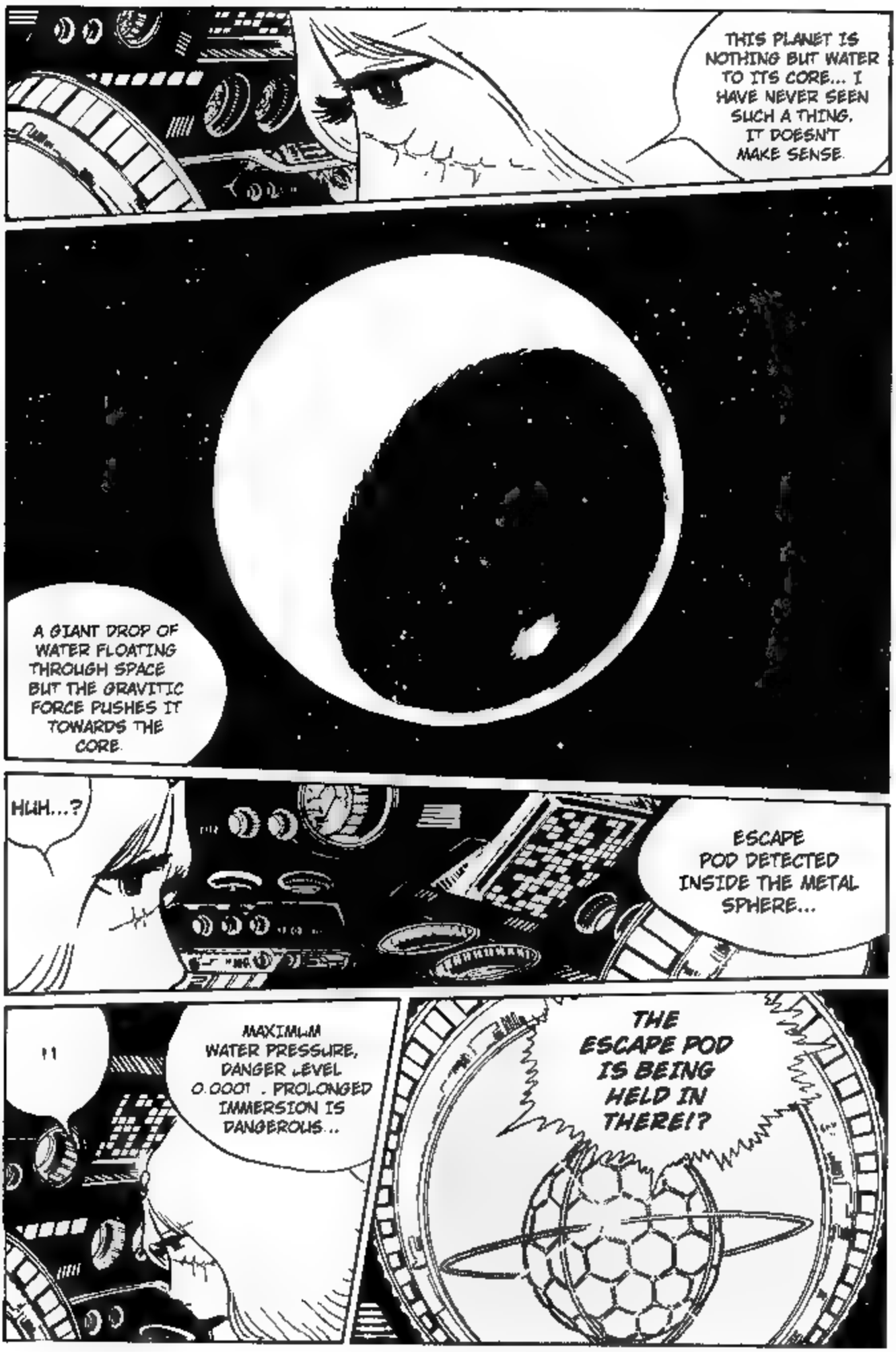
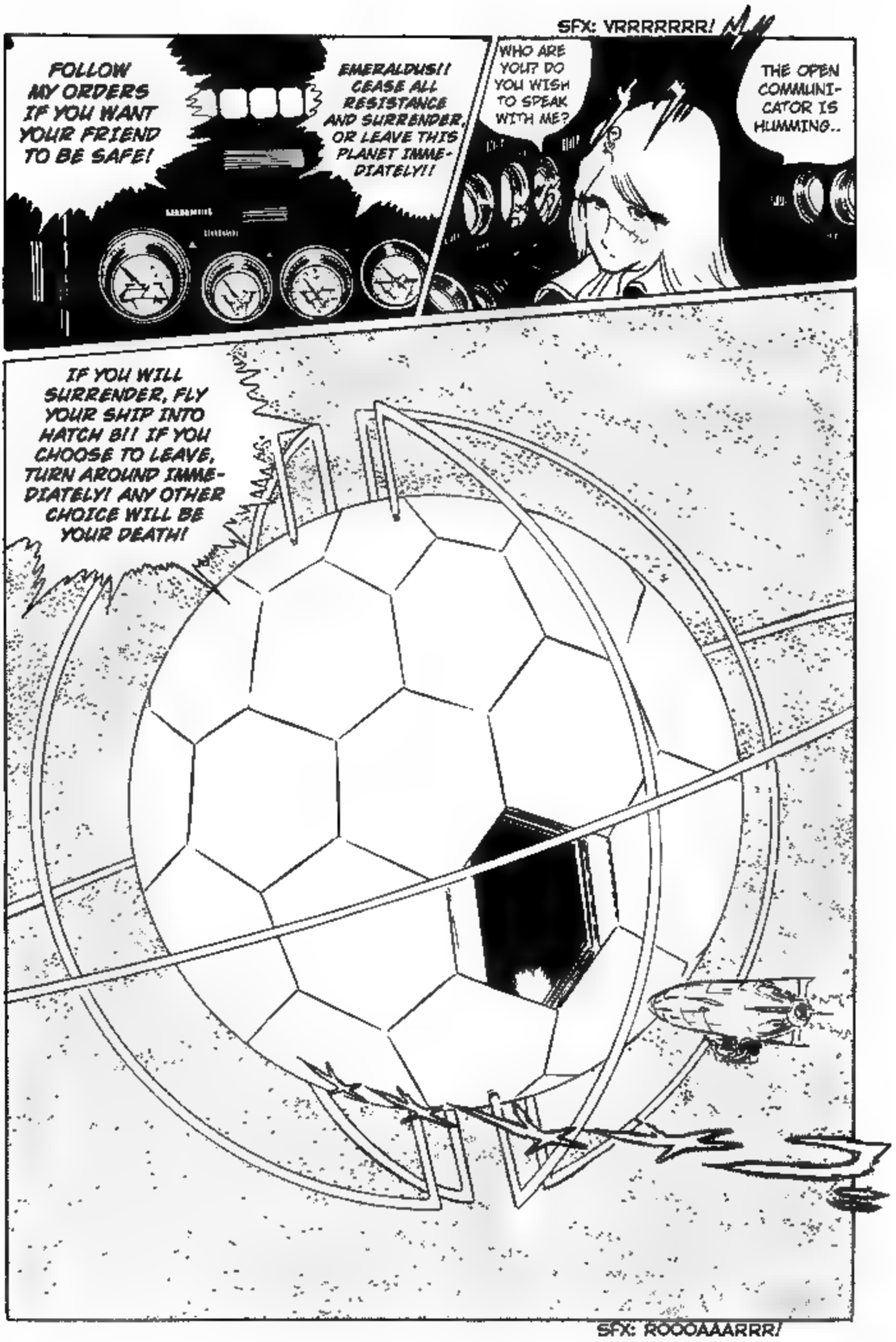
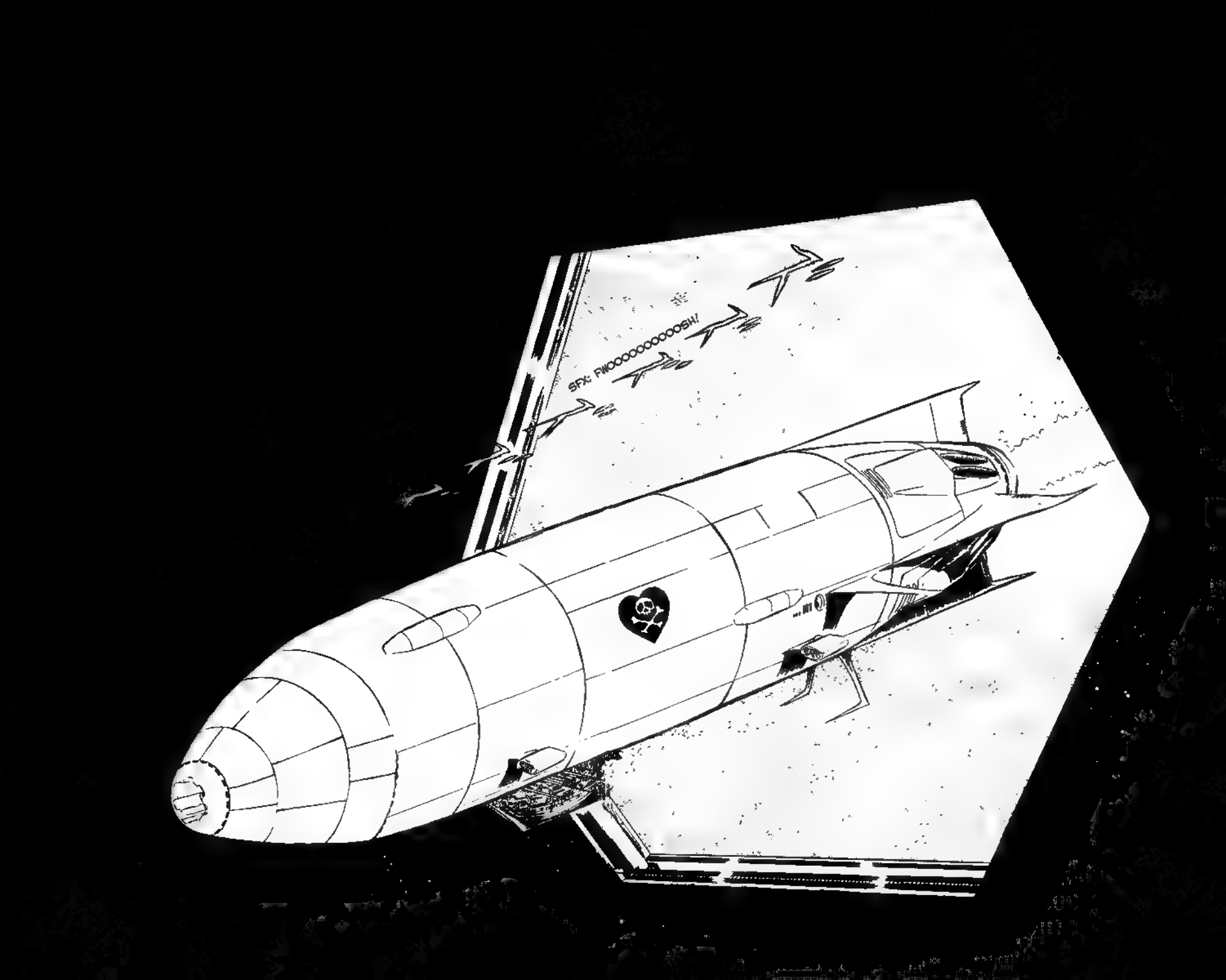

THIS PLANET IS NOTHING BUT WATER TO ITS CORE... I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A THING. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
A GIANT DROP OF WATER FLOATING THROUGH SPACE BUT THE GRAVITIC FORCE PUSHES IT TOWARDS THE CORE.
HUH...?
ESCAPE POD DETECTED INSIDE THE METAL SPHERE...
!!
MAXIMUM WATER PRESSURE, DANGER LEVEL 0.0001 . PROLONGED IMMERSION IS DANGEROUS..
THE ESCAPE POD IS BEING HELD IN THERE!?


SFX: VRRRRRRR!
FOLLOW MY ORDERS IF YOU WANT YOUR FRIEND TO BE SAFE!
EMERALDUS!! CEASE ALL RESISTANCE AND SURRENDER, OR LEAVE THIS PLANET IMMEDIATELY!!
WHO ARE YOU? DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK WITH ME?
THE OPEN COMMUNICATOR IS HUMMING..
IF YOU WILL SURRENDER, FLY YOUR SHIP INTO HATCH B!! IF YOU CHOOSE TO LEAVE, TURN AROUND IMMEDIATELY! ANY OTHER CHOICE WILL BE YOUR DEATH!
SFX: ROOOAAARRR!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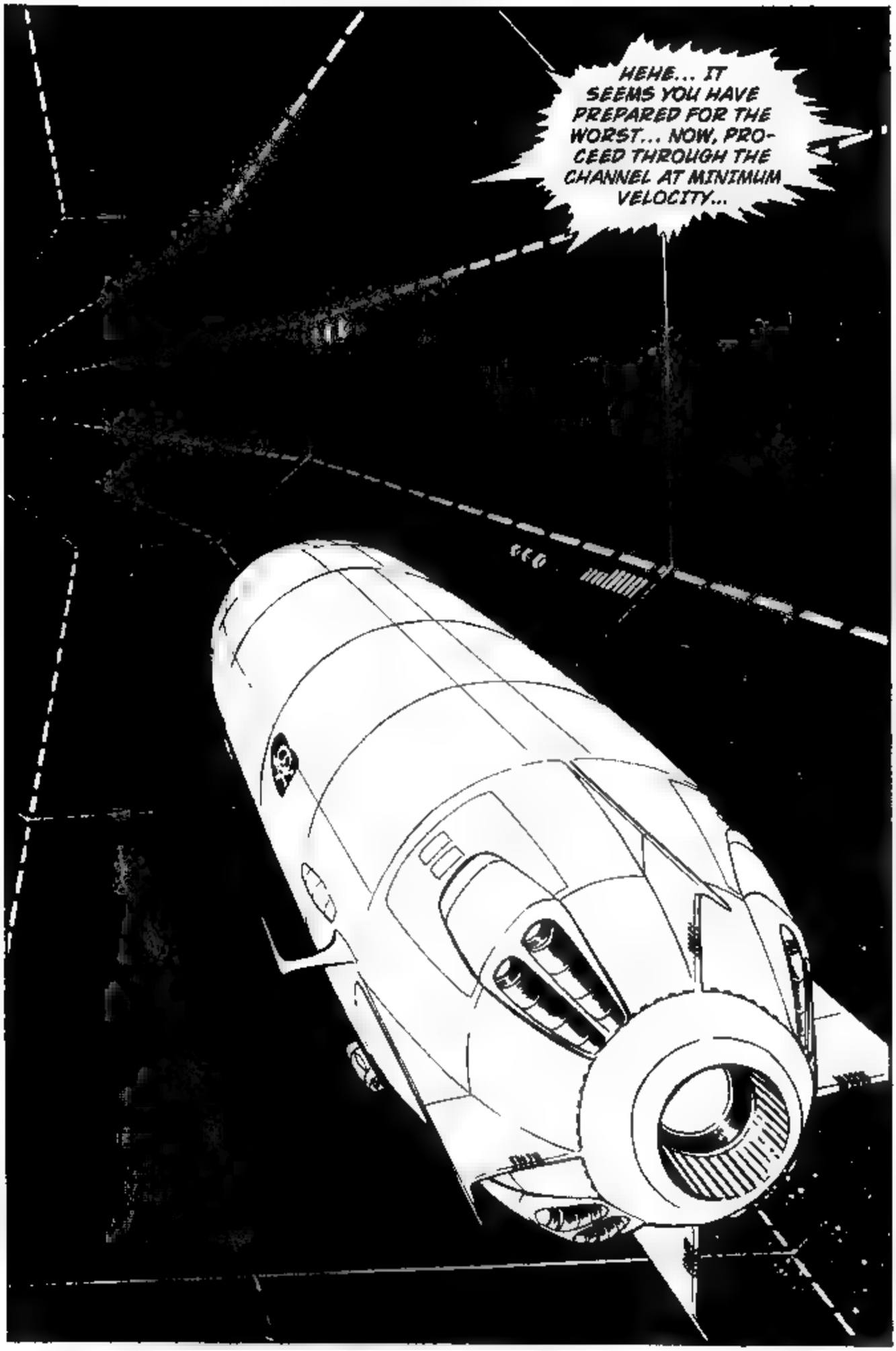
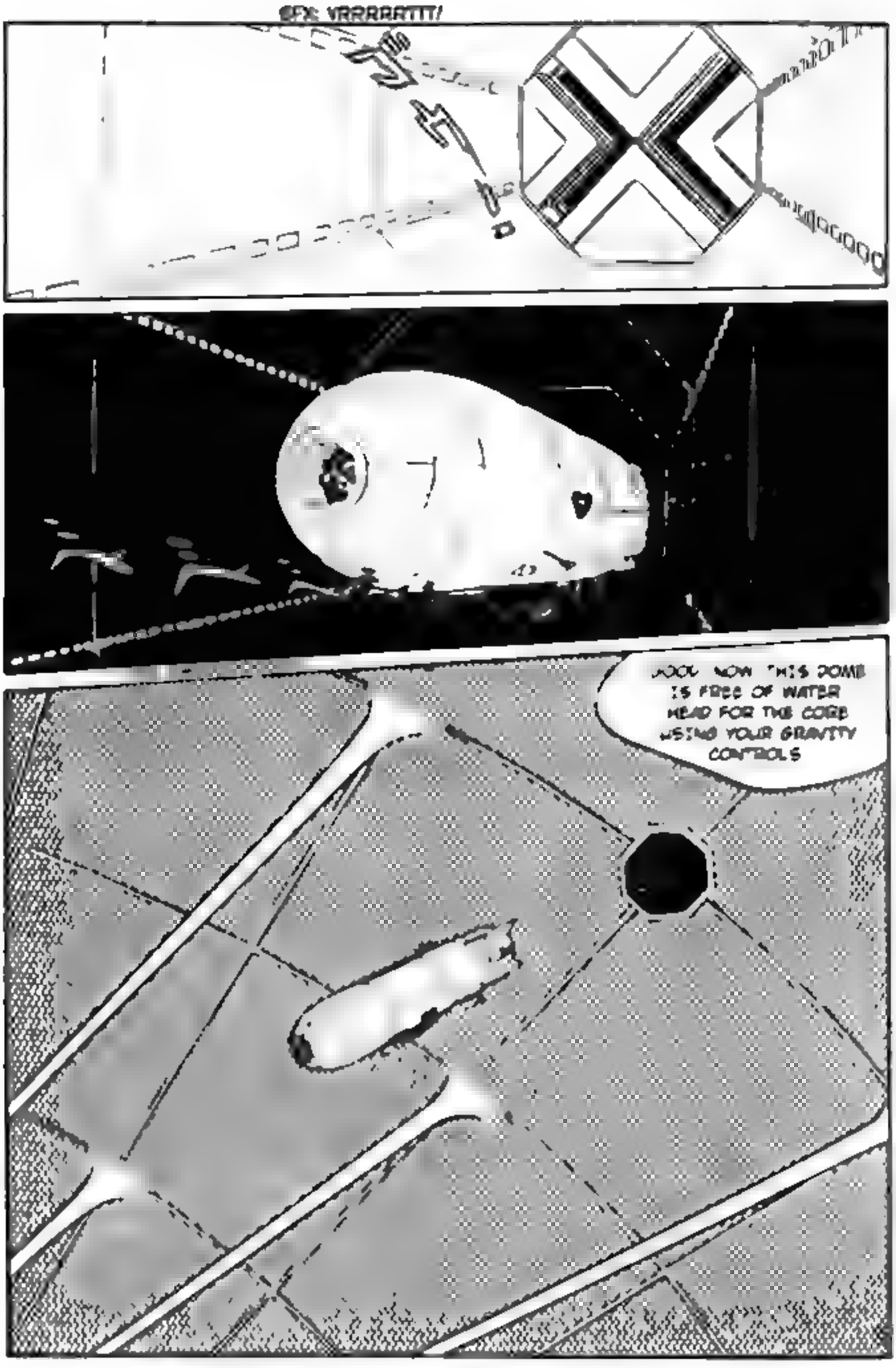
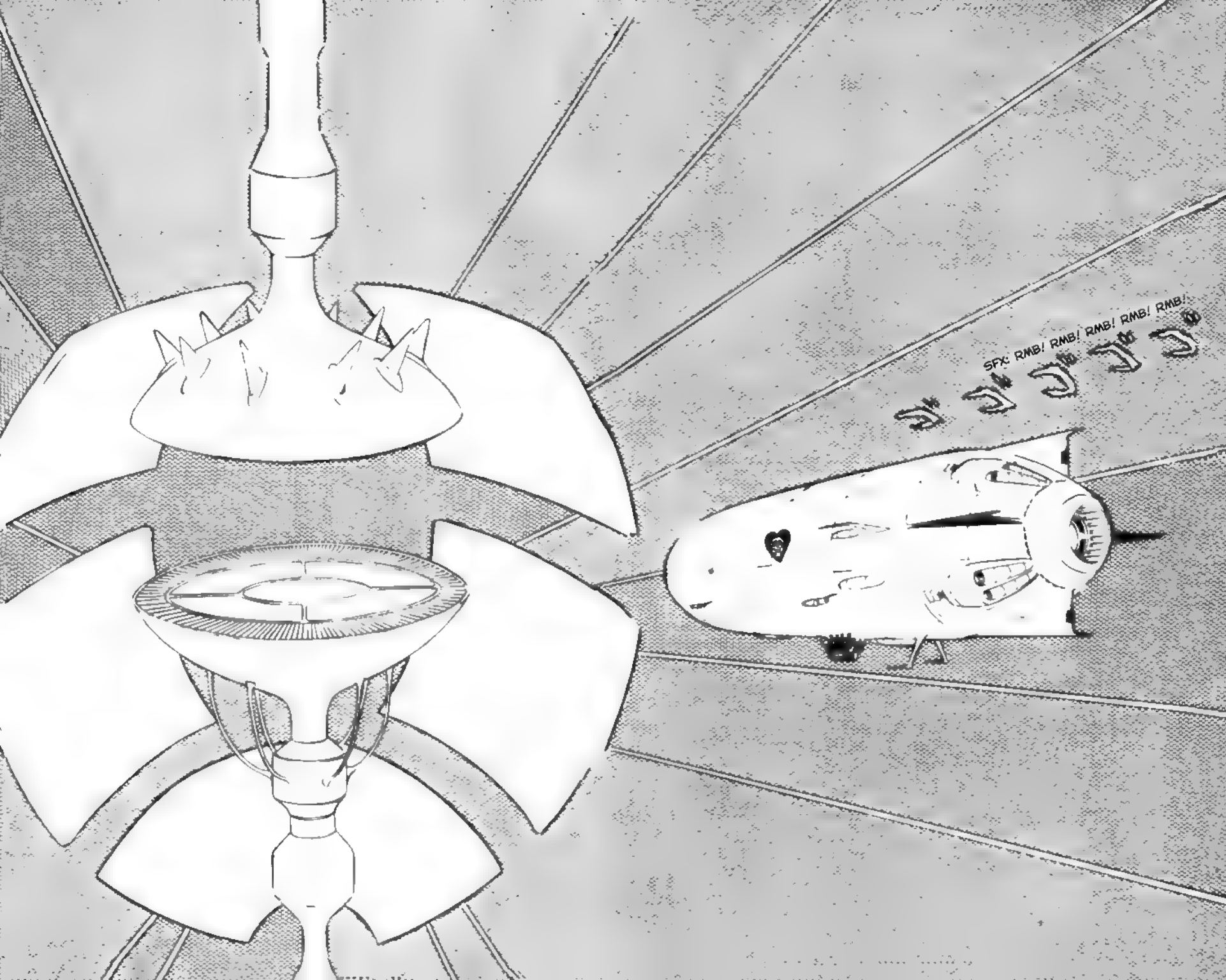
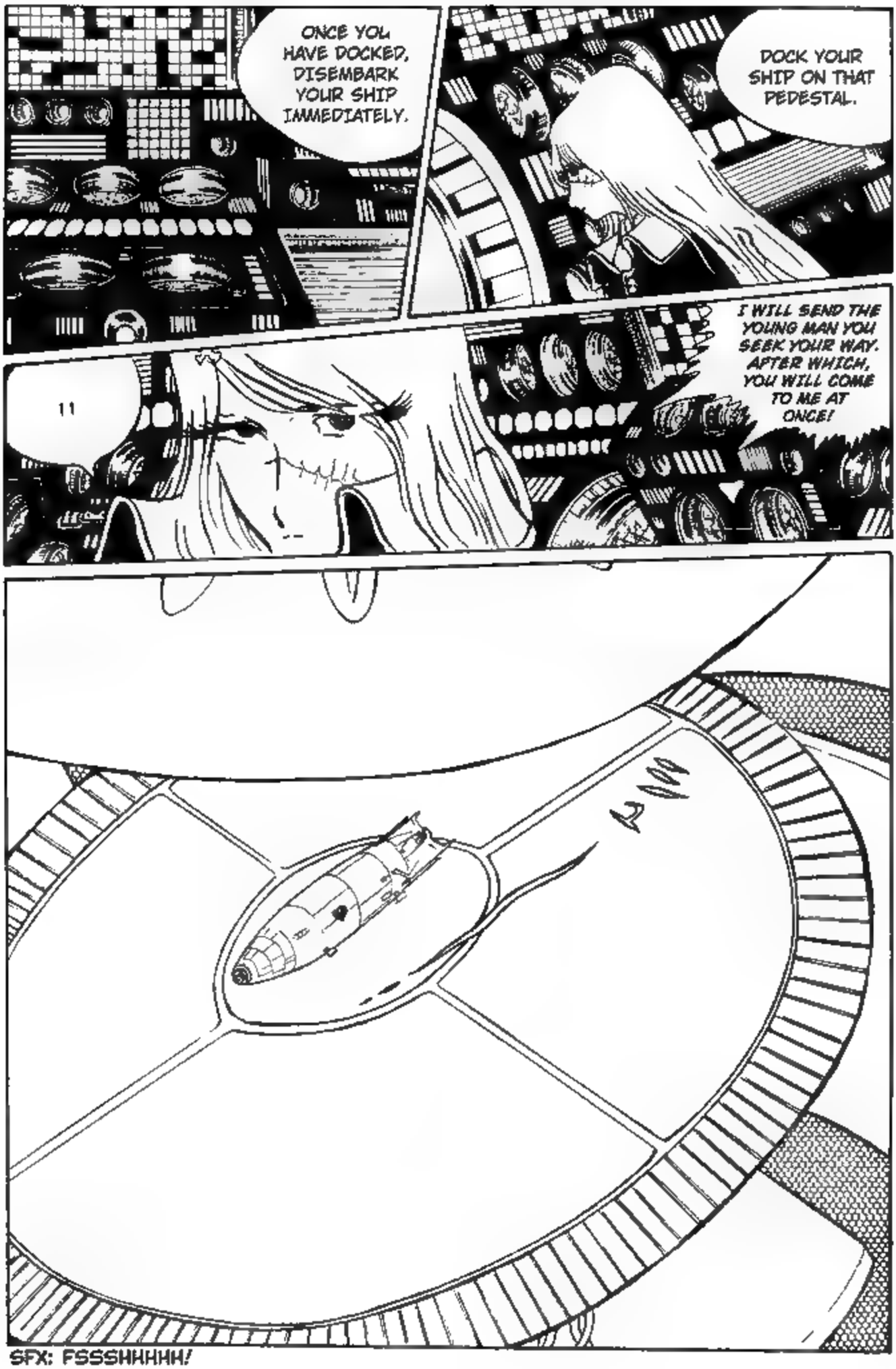

HEHE... IT SEEMS YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THE WORST... NOW, PROCEED THROUGH THE CHANNEL AT MINIMUM VELOCITY...


SFX: VRRRRRTTT!
GOOD NOW THIS DOME IS FREE OF WATER HEAD FOR THE CORE USING YOUR GRAVITY CONTROLS


SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!


ONCE YOU HAVE DOCKED, DISEMBARK YOUR SHIP IMMEDIATELY.
DOCK YOUR SHIP ON THAT PEDESTAL.
I WILL SEND THE YOUNG MAN YOU SEEK YOUR WAY. AFTER WHICH, YOU WILL COME TO ME AT ONCE!
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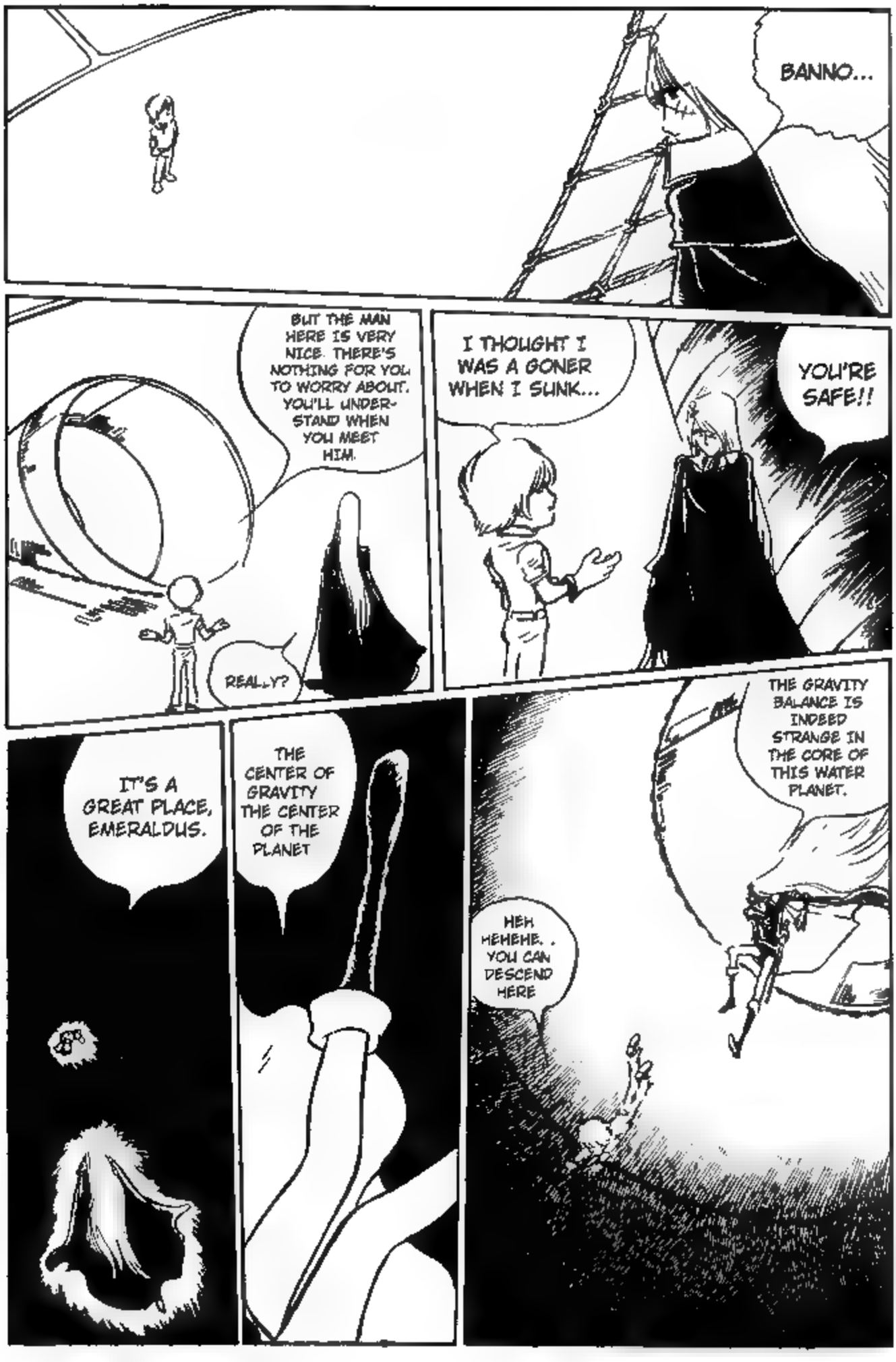
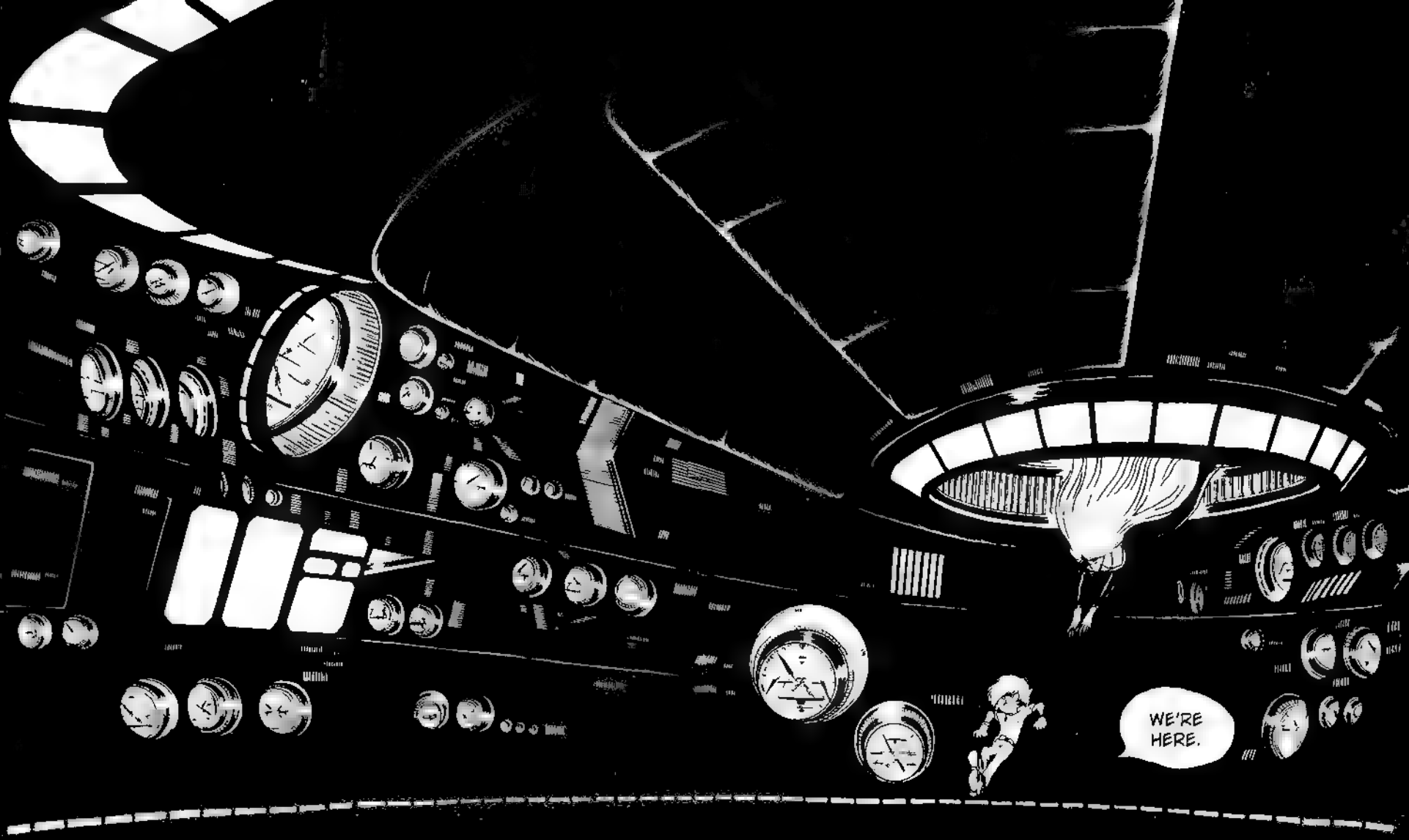
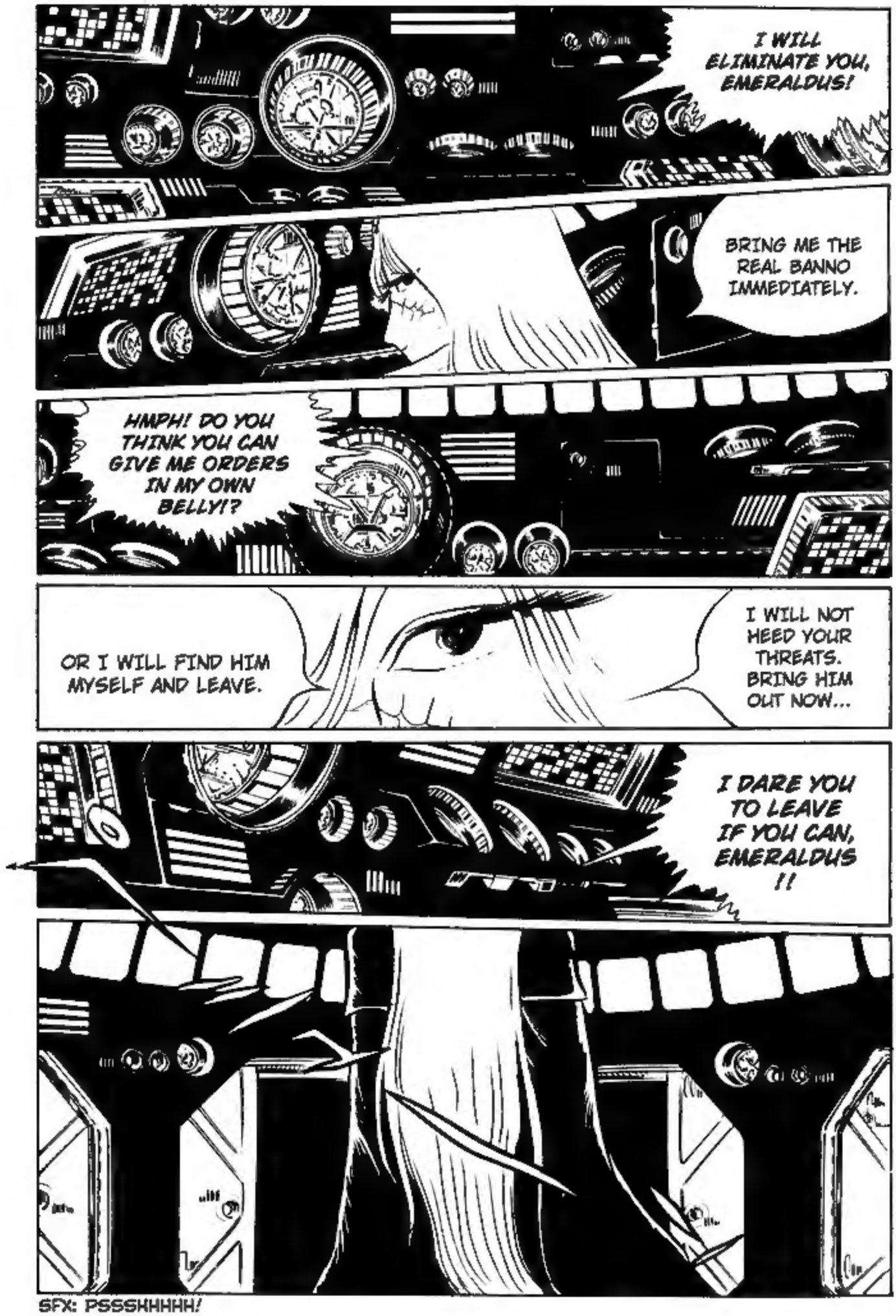
SFX: FSSSHHHHH!


BANNO...
YOU'RE SAFE!!
I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER WHEN I SUNK...
BUT THE MAN HERE IS VERY NICE. THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT. YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU MEET HIM.
REALLY?
THE GRAVITY BALANCE IS INDEED STRANGE IN THE CORE OF THIS WATER PLANET.
HEH HEHEHE. . YOU CAN DESCEND HERE
THE CENTER OF GRAVITY THE CENTER OF THE PLANET
IT'S A GREAT PLACE, EMERALDUS.


WE'RE HERE.

SO YOUR ESCAPE POD IS BEING DETAINED HERE...
WHERE IS THIS PERSON YOU SPEAK OF?
HE'S RIGHT HERE.

WE'RE INSIDE OF HIM.
HUH?
OH... I UNDER-STAND NOW...
THEN WHERE IS THE REAL UMINO... I MEAN, BANNO ZERO?
HUH!?
I SPEAK OF THE REAL ONE WHO CAME TO THIS PLANET IN AN ESCAPE BOAT.
BUT I'M RIGHT HERE!
WHERE IS THE REAL BANNO ZERO!? DO YOU INTEND TO ANGER ME!?
YOU CANNOT DECEIVE ME WITH A CLONE, NO MATTER HOW WELL-COPIED IT IS!


I WILL ELIMINATE YOU, EMERALDUS!
BRING ME THE REAL BANNO IMMEDIATELY.
HMPH! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GIVE ME ORDERS IN MY OWN BELLY!?
I WILL NOT HEED YOUR THREATS. BRING HIM OUT NOW...
OR I WILL FIND HIM MYSELF AND LEAVE.
I DARE YOU TO LEAVE IF YOU CAN, EMERALDUS !!
SFX: PSSSHHHHH!

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